

UGM Hosts ASEAN Engineering Deans Summit 2019

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Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) hosts *ASEAN Engineering Deans Summit 2019* from 9-10 September 2019 at UGM Graduate School.

The event is a forum for Deans of Faculty of Engineering across Indonesia and ASEAN to discuss issues related to engineering higher education, especially quality improvement, engineer's quality, and education accreditation.

Rector of UGM, Prof.Ir. Panut Mulyono, M.Eng., D.Eng., IPU., opening the event said that engineering higher education had a significant role in driving forward economic growth. This is done by improving the roles in preparing qualified engineers. Especially amidst Industry 4.0, engineering higher education is demanded to do so in order that they can compete globally as well as achieving the SDGs sooner.

"Hopefully, the engineering higher education can improve the quality of engineers so they can help achieve the SDGs," he said.

Panut hoped through the event the deans would share ideas in improving the matters and also enhance their networking.

Meanwhile, chairman of Indonesian Engineers Association (PII), Dr. Ir. Heru Dewanto, M.Sc.,(Eng), IPU., said currently engineering higher education was not only facing the challenge to improve the engineer's quality but that it had to be able to prepare competitive engineers in ASEAN to boost global development.

"Through this event we can share ideas the ways to improve engineer capacity and make this as a drive to boost the achievement of the SDGs. Even, to minimise the gap between ASEAN and Asia Pacific," he said..

Heru expected a cooperation would also arise from the event between universities and professional or industrial organisations as well as engineers from ASEAN.

Furthermore, signing of an MoU was done between PII and Forum of Engineering Deans Indonesia (FDTI) related to profession areas. Another signing was done between PII and 25 universities that run Engineer Profession Study Programme (PSPPI) in Indonesia.

On Tuesday (10/9) inaugural ceremony will be done of the new chairman of the FDTI of 2019-2021 period, Prof. Ir. Nizam, M.Sc., Ph.D., IPM, ASEAN Eng.

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