

# UGM Alumni Association Produces 13 Strategic Recommendations to Government

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The 13th National Meeting of Alumni Association of Universitas Gadjah Mada (Kagama) lasted from 14-16 November in Grand Inna Bali Beach Hotel. It has re-elected Ganjar Pranowo as Chairman for the period of 2019-2024. The meeting also produced 13 strategic recommendations for the state.

Chairman of the meeting working committee, AAGN Ari Dwipayana, said these recommendations would be submitted to President Joko Widodo, who is an alumnus of UGM. "These recommendations would be submitted to President Joko Widodo that is now doing structural reforms at a massive scale," he said in a press release sent to reporters on Tuesday (19/11).

The 13 recommendations are issues on demography bonus, mental and character building, consolidation of democratic systems, corruption eradication, and roles of women and young people.

Ari said related to demographic bonus, Kagama urged the government to prepare a human resource development roadmap, which is cross-sectors. "The roadmap will guide ministries and agencies on strategies and ways to do the human resource development with clear phases and target," he said.



He further said to achieve the vision of Advanced Indonesia that was launched by the President is through mental and character building. Kagama recommends real and systematic steps to strengthen the state characters through Pancasila education, education based on Indonesian noble values, and character education through contemporary methods.

On democratic system, Kagama highlights the importance of continuing the consolidation of a democratic system along with good governance reforms. Kagama recommends the legal reform agenda be made as well as governance reforms with a measurable target.

Related to corruption eradication, Kagama encourages clean governance while improving systems to be of integrity, be accountable and fair.

On economy, Kagama sees that economic development should be based on the national strength and interest. Kagama recommends economic development to address people's needs and improve their capacities in order to be competitive.

Besides, Kagama encourages evaluation of the effectivity of poverty alleviation and social security programmes. The real measure is the decrease in poverty rate. "But, the government should not just stop there, the poverty alleviation programme should go along with efforts to increase income, job creation, and productivity, particularly in SMEs, agriculture and fisheries," said Ari.

Kagama further mentions to increase public service and people's welfare through the right bureaucracy reforms strategies. Kagama recommends to accelerate the bureaucratic reforms. No less important, said Ari, was that Indonesia had a great potential with regards to the young generation with the talents to advance the country. Kagama sees the need to do talent development management in the country or through diasporas abroad.

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