

UGM Derives PCR and APD Aids from the Ministry of Education and Culture

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In the effort to overcome the Covid-19 outbreak, Universitas Gadjah Mada derived the aid of a set of Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) equipment and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from the Directorate General of Higher Education, Ministry of Education and Culture. The Director-General of Higher Education Ministry of Education and Culture, Prof. Ir. Nizam, M.Sc., DIC., Ph.D., IPM., ASEAN Eng., gave the aid of a set of 650 million PCR equipment and it is accepted by the Director of the Academic Hospital, dr. Arief Budiyanto, Ph.D., Sp.KK (K) at the UGM Hall on Thursday (5/28).

Present and witness the handover of the support of the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Education and Culture, Prof. Ainun Na'im, Ph.D., and UGM Chancellor, Prof. Ir. Panut Mulyono, M. Eng., D. Eng., IPU, ASEAN Eng. The Director of Learning and Student Affairs of the Directorate General of Higher Education Ministry of Education and Culture, Prof. drh. Aris Junaidi, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor for Cooperation and Alumni, Prof. Dr. Drs. Paripurna, S.H., M.Hum., LL.M, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Public Health, and Nursing, Prof. dr. Ova Emilia, M.Med.Ed., Sp. OG (K), Ph.D., and leaders of universities, faculties, and institutions were also attending its handover.

Secretary-General of the Ministry of Education & Culture, Ainun Na'im, said the support of a set of PCR and medical devices was a form of support for preventing the Covid-19 outbreak. Hopefully, these tools can be utilized as good use while helping the community avoid further spread of the

Covid-19 epidemic.

"Thanks to God, today, we can donate the help of medical devices in the form of PCR and PPE. Hopefully, this can cure patients who are being treated," he said.

Ainun said the Ministry of Education and Culture, particularly the Directorate General of Higher Education, was making various changes and adjusting work plans and budgets related to the existence of the Covid-19 pandemic. Not only concerns the allocation for procurement and assistance to the Hospital and the Faculty of Medicine, but also to efforts in maintaining the smooth teaching and learning process or the implementation of the Higher Education Tridarma as a whole.

"Hopefully, we do something useful and effective in preventing the Covid-19 virus, helping the community, maintaining and even improving our Tridarma Higher Education services," he said.

UGM Chancellor, Panut Mulyono, welcomed the PCR and PPE aid from the Directorate of Higher Education, Ministry of Education and Culture. According to him, this assistance will be intended for UGM Academic Hospital.

"This support will unquestionably enhance RSA's ability to deal and cope with the Covid-19 outbreak, as previously conveyed and expected by the Secretary-General. We highly hope that UGM can handle this Covid outbreak, not only in the field of prevention and treatment for UGM residents but also for the citizens of Yogyakarta and surrounding areas," he said.

From the UGM RSA data to date, it has handled as many as 11 positive patients with Covid-19. Everything is not up to the use of a ventilator and can still be handled by adding vitamins, maintaining health, and others.

"Hopefully, this condition shows that Yogyakarta is good in governance such as social distancing and others so that it hopes to become a model for other regions," he said.

The Chancellor hopes that during this pandemic, the creation of medical devices and medicines will be quickly discovered from the campuses. These findings further accelerated so that universities in Indonesia become leading research centers so that in the future, Indonesia can make their tools and not import.

"Even if we must import the only main parts, the others can still be made and assembled from domestic so that we can use them," he explained.

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