

UGM Improves Academic Quality

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UGM remains to improve the quality of education, research, community service, and its impact on the world community.

Secretary of UGM Chancellor, Drs. Gugup Kismono, M.B.A., Ph.D., said that UGM proceeds to make quality developments both in the process and in the academic system to compete and become a reference in the global arena.

"We remain to make improvements so that our academic works can impact the international community," he said on Thursday (6/8).

UGM has made various improvement efforts, including encouraging research, publication in reputed international journals, increasing the number of professors, course programs for international students, and building cooperation with various partners at home and abroad.

This effort resulted in bringing UGM for achieving the world ranking of 250, which was beforehand ranked 254 in the ranking of the world university version of Quacquarelli Symonds World University



Ranking (QS WUR) 2021. It is up 66 places compared to the achievements of QS WUR 2020, where UGM was ranked 320th globally. This evidence shows that there is an improvement in UGM's reputation at the international level.

UGM also attained the first position in Indonesia based on the assessment from the 4 International Colleges & Universities (4ICU) rating agency in 2020. These results reaffirm that many people widely cited and used UGM sites for academic and publication purposes and affairs.

Besides, UGM also increases the quality and quantity of publications in national and international reputable journals. Gugup said that the strategy had succeeded in bringing about actual changes for UGM. Accredited UGM journals have experienced an increasing trend from year to year, which is indicated by a rising impact on Google Scholar (GS).

"UGM academicians released articles of scientific publication included in the top 210 list sourced from Google Scholar and monitored by Webometrics," he explained.

The world has well recognized the step in disseminating knowledge, information, and its members' work through the UGM website through Webometric ranking. Webometric is a website-based ranking system for world universities. It assesses the global performance of higher education from four aspects, namely presence, impact, openness, and excellence. In 2019, UGM declared the best campus in Indonesia.

However, Gugup explained that this year there was a change in the assessment conducted by Webometric, especially in the aspects of openness and excellence. Hence, it ranked UGM down in the sixth position in 2020.


"There has been a change in the assessment. Therefore, there was a decrease in UGM's ranking for these two aspects. Currently, we are communicating with the assessment institution so that in the future, the potential misunderstanding in the assessment system that might harm UGM and other tertiary institutions does not occur," he explained.

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