

President Joko Widodo Asks UGM to Spur Contribution to Inclusive Development

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President Joko Widodo hopes UGM can increase its contribution to the development of an inclusive and sustainable Indonesia.

"I am sure that the Covid-19 pandemic will not dampen UGM's persistence to achieve, yet encourages innovation in various fields," he said at the peak of the 71st Anniversary of UGM broadcast online via UGM Youtube channel and held for limited offline at UGM, Saturday (19/12).

The President is also proud of UGM's increasing achievements for its rank in the world's top 254th in the QS World University 2021. At the Asian level, UGM is ranked 57th and is the best university in Indonesia.

According to him, the ranking is important for UGM's reputation in the eyes of world higher education. Its direct contribution to society for the progress of the nation is also highly anticipated.

"The Indonesian people expect UGM to contribute more to the development of an inclusive and

sustainable Indonesia,” he said.

In the current era of the Covid-19 pandemic that has resulted in a health and economic crisis, the President said, the impact of the pandemic on society must be of serious concern to all elements of the nation, including UGM. As a university that always adheres to Pancasila and the people’s spirit, Indonesians are looking forward to the innovation and creation of the UGM community to benefit the people.

Indonesia, he continued, needs talents from UGM graduates with a strong national character, always innovating and competitive, and able to win a world full of disruption and uncertainty. Indonesians are looking forward to the impact of UGM products that can help solve various problems related to food, sustainable energy, and others.

“I am proud to be a UGM alumnus and to participate in celebrating the 71st Anniversary of UGM. Dirgahayu UGM, keep innovating, creating innovative talents, and developing science and technology for the advancement of the nation,” he said.

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