

# Puspar UGM Plans to Develop Knowledge-based Yogyakarta's Tourism

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The Tourism Study Center (Puspar) of UGM is planning to develop a knowledge-based tourism model in Yogyakarta. This model development will involve senior professors of UGM who are experts in tourism related fields such as geography, geology, forestry, anthropology, fishery, and sea.

This statement was conveyed by the head of Puspar UGM Prof Chafid Fandeli to our reporters in Fortakgama Room of UGM on Friday (13/4). Fandeli said that the development of Yogyakarta knowledge-based tourism will at least add an alternative tourism destination in Yogyakarta.

He said that many tourists have reached their boredom limits and need to have a new perspective and knowledge from the tourism spot they visit. In the knowledge based tourism, the senior professor will "translate" the natural resources in Yogyakarta based on their expertise. Even though it is going to be a scientific experience, but it won't be like a lecture.

Meanwhile, Sotya Sasongko mentioned that there are at least 92 islands in 18 provinces in Indonesia that have great potentials to be developed as strategic spot for tourism. Some of them are in NAD (6 islands), North Sumatra (3), Riau Archipelago (20), West Sumatra (2), Bengkulu (2), Lampung (1), Banten (1), West Java (1), Central Java (1), East Java (3), NTB (1), NTT (5), East Kalimantan (4), Central Sulawesi (3), North Sulawesi (11), North Maluku (1), Maluku (18), Papua (6), and West Papua (3).

He also added that Puspar UGM have done several research in several outside islands such as Rondo Island in Aceh, Jemur Island in Riau, and Enggano Island in Bengkulu Province. These islands have a gorgeous and natural view, but haven't been developed optimally.

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