

Inauguration of Prof. Laksono: Anthropology Demanded to Work on Practical Issues

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Anthropology road map was actually from Prof. Koentjaraningrat, a maestro of Indonesian anthropology. Prof. Koentjaraningrat had great attention to develop Indonesian anthropology to solve national major problems.

According to Prof. Dr. Paschalis Maria Laksono, M.A., the road map is limited to cultural identity issues, which cover national integration and socio-cultural change. "This problem remains crucial, moreover, with the interconnection between communities and the world due to capital globalization," he said, Tuesday (27/10), at the Senate Hall when he was inaugurated as professor of the Faculty of Cultural Sciences, UGM.

In a speech entitled "The Road Map of Indonesian Anthropology in Twenty-first Century: Understanding Invisibility (Culture) in Capital Globalization Era", Laksono later offered the approach of cognitive and symbolic aspects in reflective participatory ways. The Indonesian anthropology in 20th century is required to work on practical issues in daily life. In addition, anthropology and community also develop research to identify the related issues. "In this case, anthropology and the community build a new history," said this man who was born in Yogyakarta, 6 April 1953.

The husband of Yuliana Widyati Nuraini also said that the position of anthropology is not free from values. Anthropology is involved in socio-cultural processes. Therefore, anthropology should stay focused on strategic issues related to the ontology of cultural identity; the process of how the dialectical self-consciousness relies on the identical chain of communication. "Between 'I' and 'you' is a real recognition of each other," said the father of three children.

"We and they should feel how difficult it is to uphold our identity in a depressed situation. Therefore, the open road is to link anthropology with social movements to avoid the failure of branding that is based merely on power, leading to violence due to the removal of elements which can not be assimilated by the holder of mainstream community," added the Fulbright Program Scholar in Residence, visiting professor at Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania USA, between 2005-2006.

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