

46.617 Participants of Written Test Compete to UGM

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As many as 46,617 participants of UGM's written test will sit for entrance test on Sunday, 28 March 2010, in 13 cities across Indonesia. There are 27,250 participants in IPA category, 13,101 IPS and 6,266 IPC.

Coordinator of the test committee, Dr. Budi Prasetyo Widyobroto, DEA, DESS, said that apart from Yogyakarta, tests will be held in Jakarta, Pekanbaru, Tangerang, Madiun, Semarang, Cirebon, Lhokseumawe, Palembang, Balikpapan, Bandar Lampung, Mataram and Batam. "Of those cities, most participants (24.667) would take the test in Yogyakarta," Budi told the media on UGM campus, Thursday (25/3/2010).

Budi added that after Yogyakarta, Jakarta came second with 6,355 participants, Pekanbaru 3,309, Tangerang 2,219, Madiun 2,053, Semarang 1,991, Cirebon 1,209, Lhoekseumawe 1,130, Palembang 1,075, Balikpapan 936, Bandar Lampung 738, Mataram 514 and Batam 421. The 46,617 participants will compete to get a seat of 4000 that are available.

Budi said that this year, the number of participants is increasing by 2000. He explained that UGM plans to admit 7,145 new students in S1 programs. Of all types of selection category, the written test turned out to be the most preferable as it imposes no certain requirement. The test in Yogya will be spread to 50 various locations at UGM and the surrounding," Budi said.

Furthermore, Budi said that UGM would still accept new students from the national selection (SNMPTN) that will reach around 700-800 students. To alert participants, he suggested them to be watchful against attempts by people who claim to be UGM committee promising them to get a seat at UGM. "It happened a couple of times previously, so we have to be alerted," Budi said.

This time, UGM provides wide access to participants with excellent academic records but who come from underprivileged families. The scholarships that are available include: i) Government's BIDIK MISI scholarship c.q Director General of Higher Learning for 500 students, comprising of tuition, allowances and other administrative fees, ii) scholarship for "excellent but underprivileged students for 309 students who are free from paying tuition and other administrative fees, ii) Scholarship for Academic Quality Improvement for 1000 students. UGM allocates funds for 9000 students in S1 program each year.

“Everyone who meets the requirement can make use of the opportunities provided by the Government and UGM,” Budi Prasetyo announced.

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