

Declaration of WISDOM 2010 Officially Closes WISDOM 2010

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On Wednesday (8/12), the event of World Conference on Culture, Education, and Science - WISDOM 2010 at Universitas Gadjah Mada officially ended with the Declaration of WISDOM 2010 announced by Ance Triomatra, a Bogor Agricultural University student, at UGM Graha Sabha Pramana. The Declaration was symbolically handed over by the Rector of the UGM, Prof. Ir. Sudjarwadi, M. Eng., Ph.D., to the Minister of Culture and Tourism, Prof. Ir. Jero Wacik.

Also present at the occasion was Jop Ave, former Minister of Tourism, Post, & Telecommunications, conveying the conclusion of the WISDOM 2010 event in the form of conference reflection. The closing ceremony was also attended by the UNESCO Asia Pacific Regional Director, Prof. Hubert Gijzen, Ph.D., Dr. Marcio Favilla, Executive Director of the UNWTO, and the rector/representatives of WISDOM 2010 university partners.

Minister Jero Wacik conveyed that local knowledge would be raised as a subject that can give inspiration to the world. Local wisdom, he expected, would not only inspire the world community, but also the life of every individual. "Make the local knowledge inspire each of us," he added.

The WISDOM 2010 event resulted in various recommendations which are summarized in the form of the Declaration of WISDOM 2010, containing eight critical points. The contents of the declaration were (1) Indonesia have a responsibility to form an international forum of culture, (2) cultural diversity becomes an important and valuable component, (3) priority on the rescue of an endangered culture, (4) the importance of community involvement in the protection and revitalization of culture, (5) the development of culture should be given equal role in terms of planning and management of national and international level of modern society, (6) education, science, and culture are the main pillars for a strong and down-to-earth cultural dialogue; (7) cultural forum to discuss issues of global culture and for the success of productive dialogue, and (8) cultural forum should involve influential leaders with diverse, and even controversial, perspectives.

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