

# UGM Received Visit of Kyushu University and Ritsumeikan University

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UGM received a visit made by delegations from Kyushu University and Ritsumeikan University. They were led by Prof. Khoichiro Watanabe and Saori Hagai and received by UGM Rector, Prof. Ir. Sudjarwadi, M.Eng., Ph.D., in his office, Friday (4/2).

The visit of those Japanese universities aims to explore cooperation which can be established with UGM. The forms of cooperation being offered are research collaboration, faculty (professor) exchange, and hosting international conference. The UGM Rector welcomed the offer. The cooperation is expected to not only improve UGM development, but also Kyushu University and Ritsumeikan University.

Head of UGM Office of International Affairs, Dr. Eng. R. Rachmat A. Sriwijaya, S.T., M.T., said that Kyushu and Ritsumeikan Universities are top 13 universities in Japan. Those universities are encouraged by Japanese Government to be leaders in all international activities both in research and academic fields.

To be an international university, Rachmat continued, universities in Japan must have at least 10% of foreign lecturers and 50% of foreign students for undergraduate program. "Therefore, Kyushu and Ritsumeikan offered professor exchange with UGM to obtain 10% of foreign lecturers," he explained after the meeting.

After the meeting, the two delegations visited three High Schools in Yogyakarta such as SMA 1, SMA 3 and SMA 8. The visit to the schools aims to select high schools students who want to continue study in undergraduate program at those universities.

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