

UGM Held Health and Sanitation Training for street vendors

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UGM Center of Studies for Food and Nutrition in collaboration with Dompot Dhuafa Yogyakarta and the city of Jogjakarta Health office conducted hygiene and sanitation training for street vendors, "Clean and Healthy Vendor (Warung Beres)." The training that was attended by 20 food vendors from a number of areas in Yogyakarta was held for two days, February 16-17 2011, at PSPG UGM.

Dr. Ir. Eni Harmayani, M.Sc., Head of the Center, said that the training aims to increase knowledge and understanding of society, especially *angkringan* (traditional street vendors), about the importance of hygiene and sanitation.

Eni said that in general food vendors are usually derived from the class of *dhuafa* (the underprivileged), with low education levels, hence low awareness of the importance of cleanliness and health. "Street vendors are usually derived from the under privileged, hence in managing their business they pay less attention to cleanliness and sanitation. The existing shop facilities, such as sanitation, for example, are still very limited. Therefore, these could become a means for the spread of diseases that endanger health," she explained.

With Warung Beres training programs, the traditional street vendors are expected to increasingly recognize the importance of hygiene and sanitation. "With increased knowledge and understanding of hygiene and sanitation, it is expected to create a clean and healthy culture among the food street vendors," she explained.

This activity presented a number of speakers from the Center, among others, Dr. Ir. Eni Harmayani, M.Sc., Dr. Ir. Nurliyani, M.S., Dr. Ir. Agnes Murdiati, M.S, Ibn Wachid S.T.P, M.Sc., and Ratna Handayani, as well as speaker from the Yogyakarta Health Office. All participants were given training on how to select food's raw materials, fine processing and presentation of food, and entrepreneurial motivation. In addition, it was also conducted the demo of healthy, nutritious, and inexpensive traditional menu.

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