In its 48th anniversary, Faculty of Agricultural Technology UGM enhances the role in strengthening the nation's food security. This is embodied in the commemoration of the anniversary with the theme *Enhancing the role of Faculty of Agricultural Technology UGM in Strengthening Food Security through Sustainable Agro-Industry Development.*

Dean of the Faculty, Dr. Ir. Djagal Wiseso Marseno, M. Agr., mentioned that Faculty of Agricultural Technology for 48 years has contributed much to the national development. But in some ways, the position and existence of the Faculty are still not so visible. "Therefore, in the 48th anniversary this year, Faculty of Agricultural Technology is demanded to contribute more in building the nation's food security so that its presence can be more felt by the wider community," he said on Friday (1/7) opening the commemoration.

Djagal said that, Faculty of Agricultural Technology is one of the largest faculties at UGM. Up to now, the Faculty has about 200 faculties/lecturers and academic staff. Meanwhile, the number of students is about 1,500. "The Faculty is among the largest faculties at UGM. So, let's jointly devote energy and thoughts to enhance the role in strengthening food security through development in the field of agro-industries," he appealed.

Meanwhile, Committee Chairman of the Anniversary, Dr. Ir. Sunarto Goenadi, D.A.A., mentioned that the 48th anniversary events will last from 1 July to 19 September 2011. The series of events was opened with gymnastics and prized-balloons releasing by Dean of the Faculty (1/7). The activities conducted in July are social service, community service, Korpagama activities, badminton match, and others.

Subsequently, scientific article writing contest, poster contest, and community service will be held in
August. The following month, September, will see public lectures, fun walk and alumni gathering, community service, alumni meeting, and Syawalan (after Eid gathering). The closing event as well as the peak celebration of anniversary will be held on 19 September 2011.

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