

Faculty of Agricultural Technology Determined to become Center of Excellence in Agroindustry

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Faculty of Agricultural Technology UGM targets to be an international center of excellence in the agroindustry sector in 2012. This is in line with the vision of UGM to become a world-class research university.

Dean of the Faculty, Dr. Ir. Djagal W. Marseno, M. Agr., mentioned that vision of the Faculty is implemented through the missions of academic development trilogy. The missions are to build a healthy organization, professionalism, and international cooperation. "Faculty of Agricultural Technology is currently working to strengthen the cooperation and the internationalization of the Faculty toward the center of excellence in the field of agroindustry," Djagal said when delivering the annual report of Dean in the 48th Anniversary of the Faculty, Monday (19/9), at the Faculty's auditorium.

Within the past year, Faculty of Agricultural Technology established a number of cooperations, both nationally and internationally. One of those is with Ehime University which has been going on for three years. The cooperation is in the form of student exchange, research, and the initial opening of joint degree program for graduate programs. Assessment of joint degree program opportunity is also conducted with Kasestrat University. "Two ministries of agriculture, from Namibia and Timor Leste, had visited Faculty of Agricultural Technology to explore the possibility of cooperation in the field of irrigation and management. In 2011 there are 86 institutions that establish cooperation with us," he added.

Djagal mentioned an increase in the number of new students who enroll in academic year 2011/2012. In the S-1, the number of students enrolled is as many as 300 people. That number increased by 3.8% as compared to the year 2010 (289 people). In diploma program, the number of new students in 2011 is as many as 108, increasing from that in 2010 which was only 102 people. Meanwhile, in the graduate program of S-2 and S-3 there are as many as 240 people or about 12.3% of the total undergraduate and graduate students.

Djagal said that so far, Faculty of Agricultural Technology has 83 civil servant lecturers and 14 honorary ones, 15 of whom are professors, 52 are doctors and 30 masters. In the field of research, this year it has increased from 86 titles (2010) to 95 titles (2011) or up approximately 10.5 percent despite a decline in research funding. For the number of scientific publications in the form of



journals, posters, national and international seminars up to August 2011, it totals up to 39 research titles. "These numbers are relatively small compared with the number of researches and faculties. Therefore, the number of publications should be increased given the publication is one of the criteria assessed in the lecturer's work load," Djagal said.

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