

UGM Received Visit of Indonesian Ambassador to Timor Leste

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Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Timor Leste, Eddy Setiabudi, visited UGM. The visit to improve neighborly relations between Indonesian and Timor Leste Governments was received by UGM Rector, Prof. Ir. Sudjarwadi, M. Eng., Ph.D., on Thursday (10/11).

Besides expecting input from UGM academicians to enhance good relations over the years, Ambassador Eddy Setiabudi had the opportunity to give a lecture before faculty and students of UGM. "This is an official visit, because we also take former questioners of The Indonesia-East Timor Commission of Truth and Friendship (KKP), as a form of evaluation to enhance the good relations between Indonesia and Timor Leste," Eddy Setiabudi said in the Multimedia Room.

He said that there are three issues that must be considered regarding neighborly relations policy between Indonesia and Timor Leste. The three problems are related to Human Rights, assets, individual assets, SOEs and state assets as well as issues related to national boundaries. "The three issues have been discussed so that the two countries can become better neighbours," he explained.

In the lecture, Eddy believed as a member country adhering to the UN Charter, Indonesia has good principles of neighborliness. Moreover, it is accompanied with the principles contained in the peaceful principle. "Therefore, in the practices of state life, we do the expansion of various programs," he said.

The same opinion was conveyed by the Rector, Prof. Sudjarwadi. He said that the visit of the Ambassador will further expand the network and can exchange experiences between both countries. "(The experience is particularly on) ideas in terms of good neighborly relations between countries, specifically Indonesia and our younger brother, the government of Timor Leste," the Rector said.

In this case, the Rector said that UGM can develop and conduct studies for country border purposes. Moreover, the result of the study later can be made an example and provide inspiration for students in various countries. "If democracy in Indonesia ranked third in the world, we can also expect to be an example for border studies," he explained.

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