

When It Rains, Activities are Continuing

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Rain that pours over the campus area sometimes creates hassles for UGM academic community. Not infrequently, many students came late in classes or meetings on campus because of the rain. As told by Suharno, an academic staff at UGM Central Office, that at particular time he was delayed in delivering official letters because of the heavy rain around UGM.

Now, this does not happen again. Making use of the free umbrella service, Suharno can now keep doing activities despite the rain. "Thank God, there is a free umbrella service now. I am no longer disrupted to go to units or Faculties if it rains," he said, Friday (6/1).

Rain for some people is a blessing. For others, it may bring feelings of anxiety, especially for those who live in flood-prone areas. At UGM, a variety of planned activities have sometimes to be postponed due to the rain.

Looking at weather recurring events in every year, Division of Administration and Household of UGM since the end of 2011 has provided free umbrella service. "This service has not been planned before. It is to respond to the problem during the rainy season, because many members of staff from UGM Central Office have to postpone their work due to the rain," Agus Hartono, S.E., M.Ec.Dev said responding on the free umbrella service.

Agus has seen that when it rained, many people who wanted to go to the parking lot had to join someone else carrying an umbrella. Therefore, he wanted to eliminate this small issue. "This is just one effort to make various activities in the Central Office smoothly running," the Head of Administration and Household said.

The free umbrella service is available at three points, namely UGM Hall, the south side of the Central Office, and near UGM Human Resources Directorate. By setting aside funds, Division of Administration and Household up to now has been able to provide 10 umbrellas at each point. "Hopefully, Units and Faculties at UGM can develop this and follow suit. The principle is like that in

an honesty stall; anyone can borrow an umbrella and return it after use," he concluded.

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