

9,839 UGM New Students Break MURI Flash Mob Dance Record

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Universitas Gadjah Mada, again, breaks MURI record in flash mob dance, where participants were forming the map of Indonesia. The flash mob dance was performed by no less than 9,839 UGM new students in the field of Grha Sabha Pramana Yogyakarta, on Thursday (30/8). The record-breaking flash mob dance in the number of participants is one of a series of Pelangi Nusantara Parade during New Student Success Learning Training of UGM in 2012.


MURI's certificate No. 5555/R.MURI/VIII/2012 was handed over by MURI Manager, Sri Widayanti and was received Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs, Prof. Dr. Iwan Dwiprahasto, M.Med.Sc., Ph.D. The certificate signifies that UGM has surpassed the previous record flash mob (3,035 people) in Jakarta back in 2011.

According to Sri Widayati, many achievements have been made by UGM that break the MURI record. These include the longest medical journal downloading record for 24 hours nonstop in 2008, oration using most vernacular languages in November 2009, the longest logo made on red cloth in 2011. In addition, MURI recorded the youngest graduate of UGM physicians at the age of 19 years and 9 months old in 2010, most mapmaking in April of 2011 and UGM Residence logo creation from most photographs consisting of 27,000 photos in May 2011.

"There is also a public lecture followed by most Faculties (18 Faculties) on May 18, 2011. Now UGM made another spectacular activity by doing flash mob to form a map of Indonesia with most participants (9,839 students)," she said.

Meanwhile, a noted poet, Taufiq Ismail, before 9,839 UGM freshmen reminded about generation's depravity today. Through the poetry, he reinforced the determination of UGM new students to not replicate the previous generation's moral decadence. "Do not emulate the current weak generation. That's my message to the young generation," Taufiq said.

Taufiq asked that when many adults today are damaging the nation, how could they be role-model? People are not honest as many people are vying for profit. The rampant corruption is the evidence.



Many officials who should have become the role model in honesty have damaged the value of honesty itself. "I'm fed up with corruption. I don't even want to mention it in front of thousands of young people. Corruption is the problem to be solved," he said.

For Taufiq, the younger generation should have a value of honesty and sincerity. Similarly, they should have responsibility in building nationhood, because the hands of young generation will determine the fate of the nation. "Most importantly, honesty and sincerity must be upheld," he said.

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