

## SNMPTN 2013 is Open for All and Free

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There are 3 mechanisms for student enrollment in 2013, which are National Entrance Selection for State Universities (SNMPTN), Joint Selection for State Universities (SBMPTN) and Independent Test (UM). SNMPTN is conducted by government that provides up to 50% of quota, SBMPTN is conducted by Council of Rectors of State Universities (MRPTN) with a quota of 30% and Independent Test by respective universities with a quota up to 20%.

"For SBMPTN and Independent Test, we'd better not discuss them now. For the time being we talk about SNMPTN that is already fixed," said Prof. Dr. Budi Prasetyo Widyobroto, DEA, DESS in Grha Sabha Pramana, Tuesday (18/12), during socialisation of SNMPTN 2013 before Headmasters of highschoools/vocational schools/Islamic schools in Yogyakarta.

Budi explained the SNMPTN 2013 is different from before. It is open and free for 3rd grade students in highschoools/vocational schools/Islamic schools. Formerly, applicants were based on school accreditation and they had to pay for registration. "The limits have been removed, all students have the right to apply as long as they are recommended by the school. Thus, access to university is getting more open now," he said.

Basically, the system of SNMPTN 2013 is similar to the invitation mechanism in 2012. The difference lies in the fact that schools that will recommend their students have to put in school's and student's data on the Pusat Pangkalan Data Siswa dan Sekolah online.

"Schools whether private or state schools can recommend their students; whether accredited or not, schools only have to have National School Index Number (NSPN) while for SNMPTN participants, they have to have National Student Index Number (NISN)," he added.



In terms of choice of universities, Budi said, participants can opt for two universities. If opting for one certain university, students can choose for any state university. But if opting for two universities, one of those has to be in the same province with the origin school or the nearest province. On study programmes, participants may choose up to two study programmes they are interested in of each university.

“Those who have non-academic achievements may enclose a soft copy of the record, for example, dance or music performance recording,” he described.

Also present were Head of Dikmenti, Dra. Mulyati Y. Praptiwi, M.Si, Vice Rector of Universitas Negeri Yogyakarta, Prof. Dr. Nurfini Aznam, Apt, and Director of Academic Administration of UGM, Dr. Agr. Ir. Sri Peni Wastutiningsih.

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