

Computer Geek, Syukron Represents Indonesia in the Asia Pacific Netrider Competition

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YOGYAKARTA - Learning the know-how of the computer and reading books on computer networks have brought Electrical Engineering and Information Technology student of UGM, Syukron Abu Ishaq Alfarozi, victory at the Netrider competition run by U.S. telecommunications company, Cisco, on 7 June at Universitas Brawijaya, Malang. Syukron and Lathifah Fatharani beat 19 teams from UI, ITB, Universitas Bina Nusantara, Institute Teknologi Telkom, Amikom Yogyakarta, and Universitas Prahyanan in the finals, making them entitled to represent Indonesia in the Asia Pacific region in October in Jakarta.

In the Netrider competition, Syukron said, each participant did theoretical and practical tests. All has to understand the hardwares of computer. "We were given troubleshooting test. Firstly, we encountered some problems in server access, but later it turned out easier," he said.

Latifah added she trained a lot to understand the basics of computer network, router and switch configuration, and wide area network. "But we can have discussion when answering the tests," she said.

Syukron's love for working with computers started since 2010 when he became a student at UGM. Both he and Latifah then joined a training on computer networks at Cisco computer academy. "In order to understand computer networks, I have to memorise hundreds of codes of Command Prompts," he said.

He explained despite his broad knowledge of the networks, he is trained to be a professional networks administrator. "Here we are trained to be a good networks administrator. If not, our knowledge can be misused," said Syukron that wants to be a computer networks expert.

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