

## 422 Martial Artists Join Fifth Silat Competition between Universities

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Universitas Gadjah Mada is hosting *the Fifth Silat Martial Arts Competition* between Indonesian universities from 24 September - 1 October 2014. As many as 422 silat martial artists from 61 universities will participate in the event.

"Welcome to Universitas Gadjah Mada in Jogja, we will begin the *silat* competition today. We hope this will lead to national level achievements which will also promote the Indonesian *silat* martial art," said Prof. Dr. Ir. Budi Santoso Wignyosukarto, Dip.HE, Vice Rector for Human Resource and Assets, opening the event at the Indoor Stadium of Universitas Gadjah Mada, Thursday (25/9).

Muhammad Rafif Murazza, committee chairman, explained the aim of the competition is to seek young qualified *silat* artists as well as establishing networking among players of the sport across Indonesia.

"The hope is the competition would be able to form a strong, intellectual generation with sportmanship and noble characters whilst promoting *pencak silat* as the indigenous Indonesian culture," he said.

Muh. Rafif added the theme of the event is *Pencak Silat Culture for the Nation's Achievement among the Young Generation*.

"We hope the event would run well and successful whilst generating outstanding *silat* martial artists nationally and internationally," he added.

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