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Advancing Collaborations: Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) and Taylor's University, Malaysia Commit to strengthen Partnership in ASEAN

Yogyakarta, Indonesia - Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) welcomed esteemed delegates from Taylor's University, Malaysia, on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, for a promising discussion on potential collaborations between the two esteemed institutions. The meeting, chaired by Prof. Dr. apt. Puji Astuti, S.Si., M.Sc., Director of Partnerships and Global Relations at UGM, aimed to explore avenues of collaboration across academic and research domains, fostering international partnerships and enriching academic experiences for students and faculty members alike.

In this occasion, Dr. Chuan Loo Wong and Dr. Sau Har Lee, distinguished lecturers from the School of Biosciences - Biomedical Science at Taylor's University, provided an insightful introduction to Taylor's University, emphasizing its status as a premier private university in Malaysia and Southeast Asia. The presentation outlined various opportunities for collaboration, including student exchanges, research partnerships, and joint programs.

Addressing the delegation from Taylor's University, Dr. Tika, representing UGM, emphasized the importance of continued dialogue and information exchange in nurturing collaborative partnerships. She outlined UGM's diverse international programs and highlighted recent successful initiatives such as student involvement from several partner universities in UGM's flagship program: community services.



The meeting concluded with a commitment to further dialogue and exploration of collaboration opportunities. Taylor's University pledged to provide detailed information on potential collaborations and expedite the process of establishing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two institutions.

As UGM and Taylor's University embark on this journey of collaboration, both institutions reaffirm their commitment to advancing academic excellence, fostering cross-cultural understanding, and creating impactful contributions to society.

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Fostering immersive cultural experience, UGM and Ritsumeikan University collaborated in the Global Fieldwork Project in Yogyakarta

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Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) in collaboration with Ritsumeikan University (RU) has successfully executed the first joint initiative, "the Ritsumeikan University – Global Fieldwork Program (GFP) 2024". The program, themed "Introduction to Indonesian Social and Cultural Studies," aims to foster collaboration and offer an immersive cultural experience to RU students away from Japan.

GFP 2024 represents a pioneering endeavor between UGM and RU, designed to facilitate collaboration and cross-cultural exchange among students. Twenty RU students, accompanied by one RU Supervisor, joined forces with fourteen UGM students to participate in a week-long series of activities, including campus tours, lectures, fieldwork, discussions with UGM student organizations, site visits, and final presentations.

On the Program Orientation session, Dr. Wiratni, Deputy Director for Directorate of Partnership and Global Initiatives, welcomed RU Supervisor and Students, expressing hopes for a fruitful and enjoyable experience during their time in Yogyakarta.



Continued by UGM lecturers provided insights into Indonesian culture and academia, with lectures by Dr. Alfatika Aunuriella Dini, Dr. Ahmad Munjid, and Dr. Agus Suwignyo from various academic units. Particularly engaging was the session with UGM students from KAMASTAWA (Keluarga Mahasiswa Bahasa, Sastra, dan Budaya Jawa), where participants experienced hands-on practice and discussions about the gamelan traditional instrument.

RU Students also participated in the sharing session with Dr. I Made Andi Arsana on Bali and Hinduism, sparking curiosity among participants, followed by discussions with UGM Student Organizations Unit Tari Bali and Keluarga Mahasiswa Hindu Dharma. Participants had the opportunity to experience Balinese dance moves firsthand, enhancing their understanding of Indonesian cultural practices.

Fieldwork sessions on February 13 and 14 allowed participants to explore Yogyakarta's cultural landmarks, including Borobudur Temple, Prambanan Temple, Taman Sari Castle, and Malioboro. A visit to UGM's Agrotechnology Innovation Center at Berbah provided insights into innovation and traditional practices in agriculture and waste management.



The program concluded with the closing dinner brought participants and organizers together, featuring performances and reflections on the program's impact. Dr. Alfatika, Head of Office of International Affairs, expressed hopes that the program's experiences would leave a lasting, positive impression on RU students and deepen their understanding of Indonesia, particularly Yogyakarta.

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UGM Welcomes 96 International Scholars: A Beacon of Global Learning

Yogyakarta, Indonesia - February 23, 2024 - Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) successfully commenced the International Student Orientation, marking the arrival of 96 scholars from across the globe. This diverse cohort comprises 6 degree students, 60 exchange programs student, and 30 individuals enrolled in language and other non-degree programs.

As one of Indonesia's premier academic institutions, UGM remains committed to fostering global connections and nurturing cross-cultural understanding. The influx of international scholars underscores the university's dedication to providing a diverse and enriching academic environment



During the orientation program, students participated in a series of seminars, and cultural events designed to facilitate their transition to academic and cultural life at UGM. The program serves as a pivotal moment, bridging anticipation with reality and providing invaluable resources to support students in their academic endeavors.

Through their presence, these scholars embody the spirit of collaboration and cultural exchange that defines UGM's global community. As they embark on their academic journeys, they carry with them the collective hopes and aspirations of a world united in pursuit of knowledge and understanding.

UGM remains steadfast in its commitment to nurturing the next generation of global leaders and scholars. The International Student Orientation reaffirms the university's dedication to fostering a dynamic and inclusive learning environment where diversity thrives and borders dissolve.

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