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## **Igniting Innovation Amongst Indonesian Young Entrepreneurs Through ATX+ID Program**

In a groundbreaking initiative aimed at fostering entrepreneurial spirit and innovation, the ATX+Indonesia Training Program has emerged as a beacon of opportunity for young Indonesian visionaries. Spearheaded by a collaboration between Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM), YLabs Institute, and the University of Texas Austin, this program has not only provided a platform for aspiring entrepreneurs but has also catalyzed transformative growth and collaboration.

The program's success story unfolded during an intensive workshop hosted at UGM, where participants were immersed in a dynamic learning environment designed to nurture their business acumen and creativity. Against this backdrop, each participant showcased their entrepreneurial endeavors and explored potential avenues for growth and development in front of a discerning jury.



The atmosphere was charged with anticipation as participants vied for the coveted positions among the top five candidates. These select few will embark on an exhilarating journey, undergoing three months of intensive mentoring under the tutelage of industry experts. This unparalleled opportunity promises to equip them with the skills, insights, and networks necessary to thrive in the competitive landscape of entrepreneurship.

However, the pinnacle of this transformative experience awaits at the prestigious SXSW conference in Austin, Texas, scheduled for March 2024. Here, the chosen entrepreneurs will immerse themselves in a melting pot of innovation, rubbing shoulders with global thought leaders, industry pioneers, and visionaries from diverse backgrounds.

The ATX+Indonesia Training Program stands as a testament to the power of collaboration and cross-cultural exchange in fostering entrepreneurial excellence. As these young entrepreneurs prepare to embark on their transformative journey, they carry with them not only their aspirations but also the collective hopes of a nation poised for innovation and progress.

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# Enhancing International Collaboration, UGM Rector Underscored Strengthening Partnerships in Asia

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Professor Ova Emilia, M.Med.Ed., Sp.OG(K), Ph.D., the Rector of Gadjah Mada University (UGM), was among the keynote speakers at the Asian Universities Science and Technology Innovation Forum 2024 held in Hong Kong on January 27th and 28th.

The main agenda of the forum was to provide a platform for university leaders in Asia to share insights on enhancing the attractiveness of Asian universities to global young talents in advancing scientific research, teaching, and internationalization.

"Through this forum, UGM is delighted to have the opportunity to promote the university globally and, of course, to expand networks, especially with more universities in Asia, and deepen existing collaborations with many UGM partner universities," said the Rector.

Furthermore, the forum also discussed strategies for nurturing, attracting, and retaining exceptional young talents for innovation and scientific development, as well as fostering exchange and cooperation among universities.



In the forum organized by the China Association for International Exchange of Personnel (CAIEP) and the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), Ova spoke about developing communities to attract global young talents, a topic later discussed by representatives of other universities in the panel discussion.

In addition to this forum, UGM also participated in another event organized by JST in Hong Kong on the same dates, namely the Japan-ASEAN University Exchange Meeting. The meeting aimed to strengthen sustainable research partnerships through the exchange of information and opinions between universities in Japan and ASEAN.

UGM has a positive track record of collaboration with organizations under JST, such as research with SATREP, e-ASIA JRP, or student mobility in the SAKURA Exchange Program in Science. By participating in this meeting, UGM aims to increase the number of research collaborations, student mobility, and other areas of higher education cooperation.

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# **University of Glasgow and Universitas Gadjah Mada Exploring Collaborative Opportunities in Social and Environmental Sustainability**



January 30th, 2024 – The University of Glasgow (UoG) and Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) convened in a productive meeting on Tuesday, January 30th, 2024, to explore potential collaborative ventures under the ambit of the School of Social and Environmental Sustainability.

Chaired by Prof. Fabrice Renaud, M.Sc., Ph.D., Head of the School of Social & Environmental Sustainability at UoG, the meeting gathered esteemed representatives from various faculties at UGM including the Faculty of Biology, Faculty of Cultural Sciences, Faculty of Geography, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Graduate School, and the Directorate of Partnerships and Global Relations.

The discussion revolved around the identification of key areas where both institutions could synergize their expertise and resources to address pressing global challenges in environmental sustainability and community resilience.

Citing past successful engagements with the Faculty of Geography. Both UGM and UoG extend the to potential areas of collaboration which span undergraduate and postgraduate programs including Environmental Science & Sustainability, Global Sustainable Development, Environmental Risk Management, Tourism Management, and more. Both institutions also discussed opportunities for joint research, student exchange programs, and the development of online short courses.



The Faculty of Geography at UGM, known for its focus on climate change, environmental risk, and sustainable development, expressed its keenness to explore joint graduate programs, research collaborations, and the possibility of hosting UoG academicians as visiting professors. Dr. Dyah Rahmawati Hizbaron, Vice Dean for Research, Community Services, Collaboration, and Alumni Affairs at the Faculty of Geography also underscored the importance of forging alliances to tackle environmental challenges effectively.

Meanwhile, Dr. Eko Agus Suyono, Vice Dean for Research, Community Services and Collaboration at the Faculty of Biology, UGM, highlighted the institution's interest in developing the biodiversity index of Indonesia, signaling a pathway for robust joint research efforts.

In conclusion, the Directorate of Partnerships and Global Relations at UGM reaffirmed its dedication to facilitating collaborative initiatives, providing small grants, and bolstering internationalization efforts. DPGR highlighted that this joint endeavor is our commitment to tackling global environmental challenges and nurturing sustainable development for future generations.

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