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International Cultural and Culinary Festival UMY is back again with 20+ countries 2023!

International Cultural and Culinary Festival (ICCF) is back again on 17 March at the Sportorium UMY. Under the theme “Land of Unity, Home of Diversity”, the 8th ICCF brought more than 20 countries’ cultures and cuisine to one place.

The Rector of UMY, Prof. Dr. Ir. Gunawan Budiyanto, M.P., IPM., ASEAN Eng., during the interview session highlighted that this ICCF is not only to make an international atmosphere in UMY but also delivering the message of humanity and world peace.

“We want to prove that culture and cuisine could be soft diplomacy to reduce political tensions between countries. this will also trigger a sense of togetherness among the younger generation between nations and form the impression that we can manage the world in a peaceful atmosphere”.

Gunawan also hoped that next year there will be more varied countries joined as the situation gets better. François Dabin, Director of Institut Français Indonesia in Yogyakarta also attended ICCF as the representative of Institut Français Indonesia and presented France with Warung Prancis.

François expressed his gratitude for taking part in this event, “We are glad to be able to take part in this event as a partner of UMY and also to share about France’s culture and exchange it with other cultures. It is such a wonderful event for sharing”.

During the ICCF, UMY also use this opportunity to sign an MoU with the Embassy of Ukraine. Ambassador of Ukraine to Indonesia, HE Dr. Vasyl Hamianin during the interview mentioned that he is honored to be invited to the event.

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UMY Held Taiwan Higher Education Fair for the third times in 2023!

Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta (UMY) successfully hosted the Taiwan Higher Education Fair (THEF) for the third time on March 15-16, previously hosting the event in 2017 and 2019. With almost 35 renowned Taiwanese colleges participating, the event attracted thousands of people.

Each university got the opportunity to advertise its own campus, and visitors could do a consultation with representatives from each university directly. Prof. Dr. Ir. Gunawan Budiyanto, M.P., IPM. ASEAN. Eng., Rector of UMY, expressing his gratitude to the Taiwan's Ministry of Education, Taipei Economic and Trade Office, and Asia University for believing UMY to host THEF in Yogyakarta.

Furthermore, during the interview, Gunawan expressed his aim of enhancing education quality by sending students to Taiwan to study. "We expect that this would improve our education quality since we all know that Taiwan is the center of education quality in Asia. Thus, this education fair is a great opportunity for young generations in Yogyakarta."

"Each year, we send 100 students and lecturers, as well as exchange students, to study in Taiwan at various universities," Gunawan noted. The major purpose of these activities is to increase the number of Indonesian students who graduate from Taiwan.

Grace Ou, Director of the Education Division, Taipei Economic and Trade Office, also presenting during the education fair and explained that she expects more Indonesian students to visit Taiwan. "With Indonesia as the second largest foreign student country in Taiwan, we look forward to welcoming more Indonesian students."

Moreover, Prof. Ying Huei Chen, Ph.D., Dean of the International College of Asia University, highlighted that the event's goal is to inform more Indonesian students about education in Taiwan. "Due to limitations in time and space, we were only able to invite 35 Taiwanese colleges to this education fair, despite the fact that many of them wanted to attend. Said Prof Yinghuei Chen.