

UMY Today

International Students Unite to Celebrate Indonesia's Independence Day at UMY

International Students of UMY

50 International Students of UMY from all across the world, gathers in Cafeteria Muda Mendunia to join Opening Ceremony of Indonesia Independence Day Competition



August 17th, marked as the Indonesia's Independence Day makes the date special to every Indonesians. As the vibrant colors of red and white dominated the streets of Indonesia, The Office of Cooperation and International Affairs of Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta (OCIA UMY) also joined the joyous of independence day by holding a fun competition for all international students of Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta (UMY).

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The spirit of unity filled the air as international students celebrating Indonesia's 78th Independence Day at Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta. From August 14 – 17, various competition were held including traditional games such as sack race, flour relay, and tug of war.

Faris Al Fadhat, S.IP, M.A., Ph.D. opened the event by giving opening remarks, The Vice Rector expressed his satisfaction with the event's success, stating,

"UMY stands as a testament to the power of education in transcending cultural boundaries. The active participation of our international students in our Independence Day celebrations demonstrates the bonds of friendship and understanding that continue to grow within our institution."

As the celebrations concluded, the echoes of laughter, cheers, and the spirit of togetherness lingered on, reminding everyone of the power of unity and the vibrant tapestry of cultures that enrich the UMY campus.

Ensuring the student's preparation, OCIA UMY held "Pre-Departure Student Exchange"



99 students from UMY prepared before departed to many countries in the world to undergo student exchange program with UMY's esteemed and prestigious university partners.

Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta (UMY)'s commitment on creating an international environment has been implemented through the student exchange program. Each semester, the student exchange program is conducted to provide students valuable experience and fostering international understanding.

Before the students depart from UMY, the Office of Cooperation and International Affairs of UMY (OCIA UMY) held "Pre-Departure Student Exchange Fall Semester 2023/2024" to ensure that students have enough preparation for their departure. For this Fall Semester 2023/2024, 99 students are ready to be departed to UMY's partner abroad.

on his opening remarks conveyed the messages from the Rector of UMY, "All the pre-departure students must keep the good name of UMY because you are representing the university. All UMY's partners abroad are looking at you not only as an individual but also as an institution".

In addition, Idham emphasized that the students must maintain a good Muslim behavior abroad. As they are also representing the university, Muhammadiyah, and Indonesian Muslim community as well. Thus, keeping a good Muslim behavior is essential during the student exchange. Arie Kusuma Paksi, S.IP., M.A., Ph.D., then gave a presentation on surviving abroad,

covering topics such as maintaining the reputation of UMY, culture shock, halal cuisines, academic survival, money management, and travel documents & safety.

After the discussion ends well, each group of students presents their ideas for promoting UMY and Indonesia. Each of the seven groups presented unique concepts based on the location of their host university.

This pre-departure program held by OCIA UMY aimed to make students more prepared for student exchange, ensure their preparation as well as to prevent the unpleasant things happened throughout the student exchange program.