



### **Launching of Doctoral Program of Doctoral Program in Agriculture, Postgraduate University of Medan Area**

The Doctoral Program (S3) of Agricultural Sciences, University of Medan Area (UMA) was officially launched at JW Marriot Hotel Medan, Thursday (12/3/2020). The Doctoral Program at UMA which is managed by Agus Salim's Hajj Education Foundation, is expected to increase agricultural human resources (HR) in North Sumatra (North Sumatra).

That was among the hopes of the Deputy Governor of North Sumatra (Wagubsu), Musa Rajekshah, after the launch of the UMA Agricultural Science Doctoral Program. "In addition to the future HR is superior, because North Sumatra is indeed the largest agricultural region, it is hoped that it can train farmers in our area about new things to increase agricultural production," said the man who was accosted as Ijeck.



Ijeck also hopes that the UMA Agricultural Science Doctoral Program is also useful in the future to be able to provide knowledge on how to market agriculture to farmers in North Sumatra. "In order for good products, superior products can be coupled with stable market prices and can also be accepted and hopefully North Sumatra can export agricultural products going forward," he said.

Meanwhile, Chairperson of the Hajj Agus Salim Education Foundation UMA, Drs HM Erwin Siregar MBA said, the Agricultural Science Doctoral Program was opened at the request of the community, especially providing experts who have competencies, especially in the agricultural sector doctoral program, all of which have been fulfilled.



The government sees that UMA has very good achievements, especially accreditation, on average, gets an A from the accreditation body. In addition, the library received an assessment and finally the UMA was awarded the green matrix at the end of 2019 for the national level and number 2 for the North Sumatra level, he said.

It was stated, UMA was currently preparing the teaching staff who were currently carrying out further education. "There are around 46 lecturers that we send to school both at home and abroad. UMA has implemented a digitalization (paperless) learning system. UMA has also established cooperation with universities both at home and abroad," he explained.



While the UMA Chancellor Prof. Dr. Dadan Ramdan MEng MSc added, the UMA Agricultural Science Doctoral Program is ready to carry out the doctoral program and ensure it runs according to the correct rules and standards, of course the lecture room, laboratory, and six permanent lecturers and two additional lecturers. "The teaching staff consists of 8 professors, and 18 doctors who are in accordance with the rules and standards specified," he said.

Cooperation with the North Sumatra Provincial Government, said the Chancellor, is certainly in the collaboration of research topics or research in international journals that can be patented. "In addition, there are also new innovations or findings that can be used within the government environment," he explained.



Meanwhile, the Head of the North Sumatra Region Higher Education Service Institute (LLDikti), Prof. Dian Armanto MPd MA MSc PhD, hopes that the results of the UMA Agricultural Science Doctoral Program produce good teaching staff, farmer trainers, entrepreneurs, leaders and researchers.

"The aspect is that we hope for new ones, namely in writing new research, new innovations, new product results. This supports our economy in national development in North Sumatra. We need a lot of human resources to support this program to become a doctor. Quality must be maintained. Why? Because managing the S3 study program has a lot of work," he said.

It is said, this is a prospective leader in the future that encourages better development.