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The Role of the Gadjah Mada University on Forming Public's Perception About Nuclear in Indonesia Through Community Services Programs

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The plan for building Nuclear Power Plant in Indonesia have been announced since 1956, but it is always postponed until now. One of these reasons is public's perception about nuclear technology. In Indonesia, information about nuclear technology is still limited although we have used this technology in health and agriculture area. There were some reasons why this is happened. The first is insufficient introduction about nuclear chapter for our primary, secondary and high school students. Second is there are many rural community that is spread in thousand islands which has different education level compared to urban community. We thought that these two main reasons which affect people opinions about nuclear in Indonesia. So innovative ways to educate people about nuclear program in Indonesia are needed. Universitas Gadjah Mada, having the only one Nuclear Engineering Department in Indonesia, has community services programs that could be used for dissemination nuclear technologies and nuclear application in schools, rural and urban communities. Through these activities, we did several ways to promote nuclear which depends on the participant's education level and observe people's opinions about it. We hope these programs could make better perception about nuclear.

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