

## **FMIPA (Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences) of IPB Hosts Indonesia NetRiders and Netexcellence Competition of 2012**

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Hundreds of students in white T-shirts packed the Auditorium of Andi Hakim Nasoetion, in the Darmaga Campus of Bogor Agricultural University (IPB), Tuesday (15/5). They were taking part in the Indonesia NetRiders and Netexcellence competition of 2012" organized by the Cisco Academy Networking in cooperation with the Department of Physics, MIPA of IPB.

The Indonesia NetRiders and Netexcellence 2012" is a nationwide contest followed by dozens of students and lecturers who are students of Cisco Networking Academy, coming from across all over Indonesia and who have been cooperating since 2003 with the Cisco Academy. "This competition is to win the ticket to represent Indonesia in the International arena," said Adri Gautama as Area Academy Manager of Cisco Indonesia. The event was opened with a technical meeting hosted by Adri Gautama himself and then followed by a speech from the Dean of FMIPA IPB, Dr. Sri Nurdianti.

Dr. Sri said, this competition is an opportunity for students to show their skills in IT / Networking and gain visibility among talent recruiters in the growth of ICT and networking. "We are proud to host this in 2012. We would like to express welcome to the winners as the participants here are the finalists who are already selected from various regions," said Dr. Sri.

Meanwhile, according to Adri, this is a very special contest because of the large number of participants and the prestigious prize offered by the Cisco Academy. "Cisco NetRiders is an annual global competition, followed by more than 10,000 students in 80 countries, organized by Cisco to select the best student to represent his country to participate in international competitions," he said.

For the NetRiders category, the prize to grab in the Netrider is the ticket to represent Indonesia in the Asia Pacific Netrider and Link Sys Router. Meanwhile, Netexcellence is for lecturers. The prize to win is not less prestigious than that of Netrider, that is, iPad 2. "Unfortunately, the winner of last year to represent Asia Pacific Netrider was a team from Malaysia. Hopefully this year Indonesia could represent the Asia Pacific region and meet other teams from the United States, Africa, Western Europe, Eastern Europe and Latin America at the Cisco Center in San Jose, California," said Adri.

The competition is divided into 2 (two) rounds. In the first, the participants are tested of understanding of the theory in the creation of network configuration. In this theory test, all of the questions must be answered online within the given time of 60 minutes for 100 questions. So the participants access the items in Cisco website and have to answer directly. The results of theory test can be directly known by the end of the event. In the second round, participants are tested of making a configuration, software design, the switch and firewall. (Mtd)

