

## **Wrong Strategy, A Lot of Smart Students Did Not Pass the Admission Test to IPB**

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Apparently smart and good performances alone are not enough. A lot of high school students of XIIth class who were smart and had good performances did not pass the admission test as the new incoming students of Bogor Agricultural University. This was stated by staff of the Public Relations and Protocol, the Executive Secretariat of the IPB, Ms. Siti Nuryati, STP, M.Si., in her welcome remarks for 32 students and 8 teachers SMA Citra Islami, Citra Raya, Tangerang, Banten, on Thursday, 28 March 2013, in Darmaga Campus.

It was unfortunate, that a lot of students who were smart and had good performances did not pass the admission test as incoming new students of IPB due to the wrong strategy. "In the average those students got the inaccurate information. They thought if they did not choose a particular Department that was highly demanded (the most favourite Department) they won't be considered impressive. As a result, the number of applicants who choose that favourite department had accumulated highly that caused a very tight competition among them. While the department's capacity is very limited, thus, a lot of smart students failed," she explained. On the other hand, the other departments which have equal quality are less demanded, because they are considered less favourite. "This is information that is incorrect. It's just a matter of perception, since all majors being offered by IPB are superior," she said.

One of the teachers of SMA Citra Islami enquired on the national issues of the rising price of onion. On the other hand as the agrarian country, why Indonesia has focused its economic development on industry and housing. "This problem is closely related with IPB, how IPB plays its part to solve this national problem?" Nuryati replied that every part has its important role in contributing to solving such problem. IPB as a higher learning institution has implemented its university tri dharma. "IPB has played its role well by creating innovations, technologies, and contributed ideas to assist the nation to solve its current issues. However, we should leave them to the executor, the government, whether to adopt it or not. If most of the executors are in favour of agriculture, we expect that the agriculture will be developed," she explained. (Wied).