

Dahlan Iskan Challenges IPB's Students

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Minister of State-Owned Enterprise, Dahlan Iskan, attended the scientific speech by Prof. Dr. Eriyatno, MSAR, in the System Expo 2012 "The Role of Systems in Poverty Alleviation and Development of Rural Agro-industry ", not long ago at IPB International Convention Center, Bogor.

System Expo 2012 was officially opened IPB Rector Prof Dr. Ir. Herry Suhardiyanto M.Sc., accompanied by the Minister of State-Owned Enterprise and other IPB officials. In his speech, IPB Rector described the agricultural problems and the challenges that must be addressed. "Development of innovations is required for a better management of farming," he said.

Rector hopes that with these innovations the role of IPB in agriculture is expected to be more significant and can be realized immediately. Meanwhile, Minister of State-Owned Enterprise, Dahlan Iskan looking casual in white shirt and black trousers, made a surprise by challenging IPB's students to create an efficient rice dryer. "I challenge the students; if they can create this machine, I will reward a car "said Dahlan as a keynote speaker.

Dahlan said one of the challenges in the current development of agriculture is the problem of equipment. According to him, based on his observation, many farmers complain about inadequate supply of agricultural equipment. To reach the target agricultural production, besides land availability and the farmer's performance, tools are an important benchmark of increasing the production.

"There is at present a rice drying machine used by farmers, but it is less productive in terms of size and oil fuel use," said Dahlan." So I challenge the students of IPB to create a tool that does not use oil fuel and can produce more dried unhusked rice and faster," said Dahlan.

In the System Expo 2012, a book was also launched, titled "Business Solution to Poverty " by M Nadjikh and Eriyatno, followed by the scientific speech of Dr. Eriyatno MSAR and the signing of the MoU between Center for Systems, Center for Women Empowerment Studies and Child Protection, Synergy Consulting and PT Varquistatama Binamarga. The event also exhibited innovative products of IPB. (Mtd)