Department of Family and Consumer Sciences (IKK) of IPB in cooperation with the Institute for Research and Community Service (LPPM) of IPB held training for teachers of early childhood education in the Lecture Room of IKK, Darmaga Campus of IPB (7/6). The two-day training was attended by dozens of teachers from 51 early childhood education schools that are supervised by IPB in 17 villages around IPB campus and one such school from East Bogor.

"The purpose of this training is to enrich the knowledge of early childhood education teachers about holistic and character-based education. We realize that not all early childhood education teachers have an adequate concept of children education in line with the science or theory of child development, psychology and appropriate education for early childhood," said Ir. Melly Latifah, MSi, one of the speakers in the training. She adds that even some early childhood education teachers may not have experienced early childhood education. This is because they have low income and so such an education is still largely voluntary.

So far the Department of IKK has concentrated on the development of teachers for kindergarten and early childhood education in Indonesia. In Bogor area, the Department has built four informal early childhood education centers/ kindergarten called Semai Benih Bangsa (SBB) incorporated in the Indonesia Heritage Foundation, which was initiated by Dr. Ratna Megawangi, a teaching staff of the Department. IKK IPB. "With this activity, it is expected to help early childhood educational teachers with designing an appropriate curriculum in teaching," she said. (Mtd)