

## **Plastic Recycling in Ciherang Village**

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Bogor Agricultural University (IPB) again took a Friday Tour (Jumling), (8/6). This time the tour was in the Village of Ciherang, Dramaga district, Bogor Regency. IPB's representatives were led by Head of the Institute for Research and Community Service (LPPM) of IPB, Prof. Dr. Ir. Bambang Pramudya Noorachmat, M.Eng. This activity is a form of community service, the part of the three main contributions of higher education, namely, education, research and community service.

In every activity, there is always a new thing in the Friday Tour. This was the case in the village that has become the center of salted egg production. The village is doing the activity for environmental improvement, that is, recycling plastic waste into a number of products such as purses and brooches. The recycling of plastic waste into the purses is done by the elderly. This is a positive development by the village Ciherang for the senior citizens. "To develop them, we need positive things. I think this is quite good to hold in Ciherang because it means the village has begun to pay attention to the development of the elderly," said Prof. Bambang.

Dramaga District Chief, Arom Rusnandar encouraged the mothers in Rawakalong sub-village of Ciherang to diligently go to Posyandu (Integrated Health Center). "Mothers who have children aged under five years are expected to bring their children to Posyandu because they can get a lot of benefits ". Arom Rusnandar also called for the importance of providing mothers with education and training to educate children of early childhood properly through BKB (Development of Families with Children Aged under Five) program.

In this Friday Tour, the IPB delegation had the opportunity to visit the goat farming, a contribution from Bogor regency and IPB. These goats have increased in number compared to the previous number. Initially, there were six goats and now nine. Further, the delegation also visited the early childhood education center of Al-Ikhlas and the plastic recycling area.

Also on this occasion, the IPB delegation gave some aids such as picture books and crayons to the early childhood education center of Al-Ikhlas, Juz 'Amma to Madrasah Diniyah Nurul Falah, medical equipment to Posyandu Merak 2 and salted eggs for Supplementary Feeding program (PMT) to the pupils of Al-Ikhlas early childhood education. (Mtd)