Bambang Hendroyono and Nelly Oswini (BALLY) were unanimously elected as Chairman and Secretary-General of IPB Alumni Association for 2013-2017 period. Both of them were elected in the 4th National Meeting of the IPB Alumni Association (Munas HA IPB), on Saturday, 29 June 2013, at Sentul International Convention Center. Mr. Bambang Hendroyono is the Director General for Forest Utilization, Ministry of Forestry Republic of Indonesia. While Nelly Oswini is the Business Development Associate of Daya Dimensi Indonesia.

There were few other candidates who run for the Chairman of the IPB Alumni Association, namely: (1). Abdul Aziz (Commissioner of the Para Groups, Special Staff for the Ministry of State Owned Enterprises) with Arif Satria (Dean FEMA IPB); (2). Dr. Bayu Krisnamurti (Vice Minister for Trade) with Naufal Mahfouz (Director of ANTARA), and (3). Franky Sibarani (Garuda Food) with M. Sirod (businessman).

Workshop and Entrepreneurships Dialogue

Prior the 4th National Meeting of the IPB Alumni Association, as part of its national program Workshop and Entrepreneurships Dialogue was organized. It was expected that such special event for entrepreneurs, will provide opportunities for the audiences who were mainly students to be motivated to start their own agricultural businesses.

"Entrepreneurships opportunities in the agricultural sector is widely opened and it is very prospective. I expect that more and more IPB alumni will establish their business in agriculture, as it will assist the government to stop its food importation dependencies," said Young Entrepreneurs in Livestock Sector, Setiawan Budi Susilo, S.Pt.

The reason why he has to raise goats farming, Budi said that either the cows or the chicken cartels have been existed already, but not goats cartel. "I have a dream to become the nation's largest goat cartel. To make my dream come true, I need strong partners, standard regulations conducive market and capital networks," he said. Budi expect the government to impose regulations which will be conducive for national market and providing subsidies to local farmers. Since you are running a business, you are also required to register with the Chamber of Commerce.

A prospective entrepreneur must have a dream, said Gigin Mardiansyah, Owner of Boneka Horta Bisnis. "Then start to do it. If we feel that we enjoy yet passion from this business then run on. It might be our lucks," said Chairman of the Education Foundation “Bait El Umma”. Similar information was delivered by Vidia, young entrepreneurs in online business. If I have any luck, I will surely successful in that business. ‘By having such passion, we can reduce our suffering when we fail, and will find the solution. But if we always fail and will arrive at the dead ends, we need innovation for our business,’ he said. Another speaker for the workshop was Mr. Sutrisno of Bank Syariah Safir, and Ir. Fl. Titik Wijayanti, MM,
entrepreneurs who is engaged in the food industry. (Wied).