Rector or President of Mie University Japan, Prof. Atsumasa Uchida, was accompanied by Vice President, Prof. Hiroshi Ehara, B. Agr., M. Agr., Ph.D., visiting Bogor Agricultural University (IPB). The group was accepted by Rector of IPB, Prof. Dr. Ir. Herry Suhardiyanto, in his Working Room in Andi Hakim Nasoetion Building, Campus of IPB Darmaga (20/6). According to Prof. Uchida, IPB was very well known in his country. Besides the quantity of IPB staff, which ever bailed out the science in Japan, the quantity of cooperation conducted by IPB with the universities existed in Japan also would be going on influential.

Rector of IPB subsequently confirmed the matter, moreover at this moment IPB became the host of the International Consortium, “Six Universities Initiative Japan-Indonesia (SUIJI)”. This program was expected to be able to strengthen the cooperation between six universities from Japan and Indonesia. Suiji went on since 28-30 May 2012 with carrying the theme, “Food, Environment and Energy”.

According to Director of Cooperation and International Program, Dr. Rinekso Soekamadi, the arrival of the management of Mie University was in the meaning of becoming deep sounding out toward IPB. “We have MoU with Mie University, but for the technical activity we have not. After this, the direction definitely is to go there (the realization of cooperation). The possibility which is very easy is the student exchange or the joint research. At the moment in Ministry of Education and Culture the fund for joint research was available, so the research cooperation with Mie University is very enabled to be done,” he said.