In front of dozens of members of the Association of Indonesian Wredatana (PWRI) throughout Indonesia, Chairman of PWRI Haryono Suyono asked all members to adopt/model on Posdaya Kenaga in the Village of Situ Gede, Bogor Town, in the IPB Friday Tour activity (22/6). According to him, the Posdaya established by IPB is very creative in developing and improving the well-being and knowledge of its community.

"Like Posdaya Kenanga at Setu Gede village, I would like all members of PWRI to conduct Tuling (Saturday Tour) or Mingling (Sunday Tour) and develop Posdaya in their respective regions. As already described by the Posdaya Kenanga coordinator, Mr. Salikan, a creative program is always raised to attract people to be active in Posdaya to develop the region," said the founder of Damandiri Foundation.

Earlier, Salikan as the Coordinator of Posdaya Kenanga told about the success the Posdaya has already achieved. "It was established in May 2010. There is a great strength that makes Posdaya Kenanga develop rapidly in a short time, that is, high self-reliance and mutual cooperation in the community," he said.

Further he said, the Micro Finance Institution (LKM), Early Childhood Education (PAUD) and Integrated Health Center for the Elderly were the three activities initiated by pure self-help of the community by collecting regular fees. "LKM was developed to assist communities in developing their business - we provided a minimum loan of 500 thousand Rupiahs without collateral but with a trust-based system," he explained.

According to him, Posyandu (Integrated Health Center) for the Elderly at Posdaya Kenanga is self-reliant, no longer dependent on the government. "We already have a map of resident condition. One benefit of the map is we can easily know the women who use contraception devices, how many use spirals, pills or injections," he explained. The priority programs developed in Posdaya Kenanga are those that are the most influential on improving the welfare of society and at the same time closely related to the improvement of Human Development Index indicators, namely education programs such as educational package for drop-outs, resident library, early childhood education, development of Islamic primary schools, Quran reading, kindergarten and a variety of training to increase knowledge and skills of the community; health programs such as posyandu, posbindu for elderly and health counseling about reproduction and drug for young people; economic programs such as micro finance institutions, cooperatives, training in agriculture, fisheries, home industries; environmental programs such as waste management, agricultural demonstration of nutritious crops, movement for a healthy environment, mosquito breeding eradication, biopori and waste briquettes.

"This development of Posdaya programs by P2SDM LPPM IPB is intended for the villages around the Campus towards a better life. In order that people become empowered, though these programs, IPB always gives support in the form of both knowledge and facilities that are really needed. The success of Posdaya Kenanga could not be separated from the hard work
of Mr. Salikan, who is willing to actively mobilize the community. If we consistently work, then we will soon see the results. So let's continue our support to Posdayas so that more new Mr. Salikans would appear," said IPB Rector, Prof. Dr. Herry Suhardiyanto, M.Sc in his speech. Earlier, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between IPB and Damndiri Foundation was signed in Darmaga Campus. This moment is once again confirming the commitment to the cooperation between the two institutions that has already been made. (Mtd)