Students of IPB Are the Champions of the International Food Competition

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Two student teams of Indonesia from Bogor Agricultural University (IPB) succeeded to become the 2nd and the 3rd winners of the international food technology competition in McCormick Place, Chicago, 13-16 July 2013. The event was organized by IFT Student Associations (IFTSA) and titled "Developing Solutions for Developing Countries (DSDC)". The success of the two teams of students of IPB was the success of the third time after in 2010 and 2012, the teams of students of IPB succeeded in winning the competition of DSDC-IFTSA.

According to Dr. Ir. Feri Kusnandar, M.Sc, Chairman of the Department of Science and Food Technology, Faculty of Agricultural Technology of IPB, the winning team of students in 2013 were the final year students of the degree program of IPB, respectively the team of "Masoca-Ball" and the team of “Sweepo”.

They were successfully elected as the finalists with the team of Universiti Putra Malaysia after set aside approximately 36 participants from around the world. The finalists were invited to present their proposals in front of six people of grand juries which were the leading scientists and practicioners of food technology in the world and the visitors of IFT 2013 in McCormick Place, Chicago.

DSDC 2013 competition took the theme of "Develop food products to be given as supplements to address malnourishment at HIV relief clinics across developing countries". For the theme, the 2nd winner was the team of "Masoca-Ball" comprising of Ardiyansah Mallega, Stella Denissa and Alviane Leonita.

They proposed a new product of "MASOCA-Ball" -a sweet snack ball- made of the food source that was widely available in the state of Benue, Nigeria, like nuts, corn and carrot, as an alternative to highly nutritious food supplement for people with AIDS in Nigeria.

Whereas the team of Sweepo consisting of Veni Issani, Cynthia, and Jian Septian, presented the paper titled "Sweepo: a nutrious sweet potato biscuit product for children with AIDS in Papua Indonesia" which was the biscuit product of processed sweet potato for dietary supplement for children with AIDS in Papua.

IFT was an organization formed in 1939 by a group of scientists and professionals in the field of science and food technology with the head office in Chicago. To date, the membership of IFT comprised of scientists/professionals from various disciplines related to science and food technology coming from more than 100 countries.

IFT aimed to facilitate the exchange of idea among its members including the organization of dicussion forum, seminar and exhibition like Annual Meeting and Food Expo 2013 and to encourage research in the field of food technology including in the food production and distribution. (*)