Indonesia-Managing Higher Education for Relevance and Efficiency (I-MHERE) B.2c of Bogor Agricultural University (IPB) held an event titled "Technology Show and Dissemination of Research Results of I-MHERE B.2c IPB". This was held in the Village of Karawang Wetan, District of East Karawang, Reegency of Karawang, (16/7). I-MHERE B.2c has entered its third year, so a number of Key Performance Indicators (KPI) have been achieved. The event, opened by Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Dr. Rusman Heriawan, was followed by visits to demfarm and the stand of I-MHERE Technology Show.

I-MHERE Executive Director, Dr. Ir Yonny Koesmaryono, MS says, "I-MHERE B.2c facilitates the finishing touches of a variety of research results and technology development in the hope that the results can be disseminated, utilized and adopted by the stakeholders. For this reason, the technology show and dissemination of research results are being carried out today, attended by representatives from government, local government, and Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Education and Culture, academicians, private sector partners and the community." "I-MHERE B2C activity is raising the theme "Adaptation of Agriculture in response to Global Climate Change to Support Food Security through Four Major Programs", he added.

IPB Rector, Prof. Dr. Ir. Herry Suhardiyanto, M.Sc in his welcoming speech, states, "For IPB, Karawang is a historic regency because it was here that IPB tested the Mass Guidance (BIMAS), which involved Five Technological Activities of Farming such as fertilizing and pest and disease control. The technology has been adopted by the community and has successfully increased national rice production leading to rice self-sufficiency of Indonesia in 1984 ".

However, according to Prof. Dr. Ir. Herry Suhardiyanto, M.Sc, now farmers have applied inorganic fertilizers and pesticides excessively. This causes bad effect on the growth of rice in a long term. "Therefore, so many efforts have been made by IPB such as testing the use of organic materials such as straw returned to the land and not using artificial pesticides and it was found that this can reduce the doses of artificial fertilizers and even prevent the rice crop from pests and diseases in addition to its productivity remaining high" said Rector.

"There is happiness and pride for me, personally. First, I, as part of a large family of IPB, went to see the achievements of IPB as a prestigious college, especially in agriculture and others. Second, attending the event which is also prestigious and loaded with this science," said Dr. Rusman Heriawan. "The main target of agricultural development in the perspective of the Ministry of Agriculture is sustainable self-sufficiency. Sustainable self-sufficiency means that there must be a strong agricultural foundation for sustainability," he added. (Mtd)