Approximately 55 students and teachers of SMAN 1 GunungTalang, Solok, West Sumatra, visited Bogor Agricultural University (IPB), on Wednesday, 25 September 2013. The group were received by the Head of Legal Office, Promotion and Public Relations of IPB, Ir. Yatri Indah Kusumastuti, M.Si, at Darmaga Campus. Headmaster of SMAN 1 GunungTalang, Milbusri, S.Pd.,MM. in his remarks stated that SMAN 1 GunungTalang is the best high school in Solok, thus, it has a great opportunities to send its graduates to leading State Universities (PTN) in Indonesian.

"Therefore, the school planned the University Tour to some leading universities to get appropriate information on how to get into that universities. In addition to visit IPB and Univeritas Indonesia (UI), the group will also visit Bandung Institute of Technology (ITB), State University of Padjjaran (UNPAD), and the Indonesian Education University (UPI) in Bandung, West Java," said Milbusri.

In respond, the Chief of Legal Office, Promotion and Public Relations IPB expressed her sincere welcome and proud of to meet the prospective best students of IPB. "I hope next year, thenumber of student of SMAN 1 GunungTalang who will be recruited by IPB will increase," said Yatri, M.Sc. Further Yatri, stated that IPB is always open to students, including the nation’s best students of SMAN 1 GunungTalang.

Moreover, for male and female students of SMAN 1 GunungTalang, she underlined the student’ perception that study at agricultural field such as IPB won’t learn to hoe the soil only. Finally, she explained that IPB as a higher learning institution has contributed the highest number of innovations issued by the Ministry of Research and Technology, for the last five years. She concluded that according to the survey, plenty of IPB Alumni took jobs in the various fields, and they become successful entrepreneurs as well. Nine Alumni SMAN 1 GunungTalang, who are currently studying at IPB attended in the Reception. (Wied).