Several years ago, the practice of some of IPB graduates viewed as jumping fleas (moving from one job to another) was complained about by some companies. However, based on the results of a survey conducted by the Directorate of Career Development and Alumni Relations (DPKHA) IPB in the past year, there was no such complaint. This was stated by the Vice Director for Alumni Relations, Ir. Nandi Kosmaryandi in Job Fair IPB, 2013, at Graha Widya Wusuda, Darmaga Campus of IPB, Friday (25/10). Based on the survey, the partner companies are relatively quite satisfied.

"In the past, the resulted survey of two years ago still found dissatisfaction in placement in rural or remote areas. IPB graduates are considered less able to survive outside Java. But last year it began to decline. In off farms, in the garden for example, they could feel at home. They used to be known as jumping fleas, after three months leaving the job. In the past, team work was also critized, but a recent survey shows that team work is good," he said.

According to him, there are several factors in this change, such as the IPB Program Goes to the Field that introduces real-world agricultural employment and the Field Work Practice (PKL) applied by each department at IPB. Both factors make IPB graduates understand the field conditions, so they are not surprised anymore when they are placed on the field.

On the other hand, Ir. Nandi also advised the users not to use Grade Point Average (GPA) above 3.00 as the first main filter. "As for people to be working on the field, do not take GPA as the main filter, but commitment. After a few companies took our advice, prioritizing commitment rather than GPA, this proved to be influential. Many felt at home and job leavers also decreased," he said.

IPB Job Fair 2013

This is the second Job Fair held in 2013. The goal is to get IPB graduates closer to the user companies; they would get jobs faster or shorter waiting period. The second reason is to build partnerships with companies in which many IPB graduates will work.

"In this way we could do a survey of the graduates' performance in the companies and the users' satisfaction and we want to get feedback that we will socialize. The survey results are used for IPB internal stakeholders in consideration to produce high quality graduates," said Ir. Nandi.

According to him, the current waiting period of IPB graduates is under 3 months (more than 60 percent); very few wait for over 12 months. "Usually there are special reasons for example to study further or in some cases to be a housewife," he added.

This Job Fair is not just for IPB graduates IPB but open to the public. There are 33 participating companies from various business sectors to give the widest possible opportunities for job seekers. (Mtd)