Contingent of South Sulawesi Grabs the General Champion in the National Laughing Chicken Competition in IPB

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Sunday (4/11) on the Rectorate front yard in the Campus of Bogor Agricultural University (IPB) were heard different types of laughter, as though competing for the most audible and unique. It turned out that the sounds came from hundreds of chickens competing in laughter of various categories, which include the categories of disco, dangdut, slow, frequent laughter and adolescent laughter. "This laughing chicken competition should be held routinely every year. Such a competition is very good for preserving the local germplasm in Indonesia," said the Director of Livestock breeding, Directorate General of Livestock and Animal Health, Ministry of Agriculture, Ir. Abubakar, SE, MM in his speech.

According to the person in charge of the National Competition of Laughing Chicken in IPB, drh.Aulia Sandi, the laughing chicken is the resulted crossbreeding of domestic chickens and forest chickens."Every region in Indonesia has a different variety of laughing chickens. This competition encourages people to keep and preserve domestic poultry native to Indonesia," said drh.Aulia.

Why the contest is in Bogor, said the lecturer who have participated in various chicken competitions chicken in different regions, is because it is only in Bogor where such a laughing chicken contest has never been held. In the previous year, IPB organized a competition of Pelung chicken, but there were few participants and they were only from around West Java. "Pelung chicken is native of Cianjur, so the participants were limited to those from West Java. In contrast, this competition of laughter chicken involved 150 participants from South Sulawesi, East Java, Central Java, Kalimantan and Madura," explained drh.Aulia.

The participants were willing to spend a lot on transportation to and accommodation at the location of the competition. As though a king, the competing chicken is put in a specially designed coop of special wood with a fan in it. The transportation cost of only one chicken could reach from Rp 300 thousand to the price of a flight ticket for one person. According to vet. Aulia even there were ten cars, a contingent of Central Java carrying 18 chickens owned by ten participants in Pajero Sport and Alphard only to compete for the prizes of IPB Rector Cup and the Minister of Agriculture Cup."This competition is not just for winning the prize, but the prestige of victory, which means a increasingly high price of the winning chicken," said vet.Aulia. The price of a laughter chicken could reach hundreds of millions; so it is reasonable to the fans treat the laughing chicken as a king of kings.

Winning as the Overall Champion and Rector Trophy was the contingent of South Sulawesi, which got the champions, while the Grand Champion was grabbed by the contingent of Bogor, which received the Minister of Agriculture Trophy. (Mtd)