

## **Bogor Agricultural University Planned to Open Traditional Medicine Education on Its Diploma Program**

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In order to support the Road Map for the Development of Traditional Medicinal period 2011-2025, Bogor Agriculture University (IPB) is committed to prepare human resources through formal and informal education. In term of formal education, the University planned to open the 3-year Diploma program, as well as will develop the graduate studies level.

This was expressed by the Head of Biofarmaka Center of Institute for Research and Community Service (LPPM) IPB, Prof. Lathifah K Darusman, when she delivered her remarks in the Workshop on Lokakarya Kurikulum Program Keahlian Supervisor Jaminan Mutu Obat Tradisional dan Program Keahlian Farmasi Bahan Alam (Curriculum for the Special Studies on Quality Assurance Program of Traditional Medicine and Pharmacy Natural Products), on 25 October 2011 at the Baranangsiang Campus, Bogor. The University is very concerned to contribute in the production of competent human resources particularly on the quality assurance for natural products and also the production and cultivation of medicinal plants for the production of high quality and competitive traditional medicine.

The Director of the Diploma Program, Prof. Zairin Junior said, the opening of the 3-year Diploma Program is expected to produce medium level experts who are ready to work on Traditional Medicine Industry (IOT), Traditional Medicines Small Industries (IKOT), home industry of traditional medicine and the pharmaceutical industry that produces natural products based materials. In addition, the diploma graduates are expected to be capable to be government partners, especially in supervising/analysing traditional medicinal products.

Target for the such education level is to cater the needs of actors in traditional medicine businesses, particular those who are members of GP JAMU (Traditional Medicine Associations), employees and graduates of high school and its related levels who are engaged and will be working in Traditional Medicine Industry (IOT), Traditional Medicines Small Industries (IKOT), and home industries of traditional medicine, as well as the farmers or actors in the cultivation of medicinal plants.

The basic capital owned by the University for the 3-year Diploma program on special study on Traditional Medicine Quality Assurance Supervisor (JAMU) & Pharmacy of Natural Products is the infrastructure such 3 hectares of the experimental garden of Biofarmaka Center at Cikabayan, the chemical laboratory located at the Center which is in the final assessment for the international accreditation process, Diploma Program laboratories, faculty members for this special course who are coming and staff members of the Biofarmaka Center, all of them are faculty members of Bogor Agricultural University with various multidisciplines and practitioners who are competent in their related fields.

The objectives of the workshop were to obtain input from all stakeholders associated with the development of Program Studi D3 Jaminan Mutu Obat Tradisional (JAMU) (Studies Program for the Quality Assurance of Traditional Medicine (JAMU) & Pharmacy Natural products). The workshop was attended by Principles of School of Pharmacy (SMF) in Bogor and its

vacinities, Herbal Industries (PRT/IKagOT/ IOT), Stakeholders of Herbal Medicine, the Directors of Health Services and the the Agricultural Services of the City of Bogor District, Public Health Service and the Agricultural Services of West Java Province, as well as faculty members and researchers of Bogor Agricultural University.

Chairman of the Association of Herbal Medicine (GP Jamu), Dr. Charles Saerang, who attended this special event stressed the importance of communication skills and it should put in the proposed curriculum. "Communication Skill is important tool for the graduates as they are expected to become a consultant for the national herbal industries," he explained. (Wied).