

LPPM IPB Extension: Sheep Discussion at Saung Tani, Cihideung Udik

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A number of sheep farmers from the Cihideung Udik village, Purwasari, Sukadamai, and Petir participated the extension on the farming system, on Tuesday, 8 November 2011, held at Saung Tani Sumber Harapan, Cihideung Udik village, Ciampea district, Bogor regency. The atmosphere of Saung which is peaceful and quite plus the cool breezing cause the participants feel comfortable to learn the extension materials delivered by the speakers. The speakers who were communicative have attracted participants to learn harder.

The speaker who were invited by the Institute for Research and Community Service Bogor Agricultural University (LPPM – IPB) as the event organizers, for the first session were Ir. Sri Rahayu, M.Sc., and Iwan Prihantoro from the Department of Nutrition and Feed Technology (INTP) Faculty of Animal Husbandry who taught how to make silage. The second session with the 'Compost Making' was delivered by Mr. Sonaji Rais, SP, M.Sc., of the Center for Environmental Study (PPLH) LPPM IPB, and the last session was on 'Animal Health' by Dr.Drh. Kukuh Santoso. The class-room presentation were followed by practical works.

This program is actually the continuation of the Jumling program (Friday field works) held some time ago. It is expected that the present extension program will be sustainable. We will provide guidance to the participants until they are independent and able to strengthen the economy of their families, "said Chairman of the Organizing Committee on Extension LPPM IPB, Dr.Drh. Kukuh Santoso.

Deputy Chief of the Institute for Research and Community Service Bogor Agricultural University (LPPM – IPB) for Community Service, Dr. Prastowo, in his remarks stated that the present program held to show that the get together program planned by the University with the community around campus were not ended in ceremonial event in form of Jumling Program only. "But we fill the program with the more concrete activities. Bogor Agricultural University is committed to reduce the talking, but will do the real work. If the University is sleeping, please wake it up. Similarly, if the community is sleeping, the University will wake them up. We must willingly accept criticism in order to achieve mutual progress, "said Dr. Prastowo.

Dr. Prastowo also expressed the four principles to make the event successful. First, the University brought innovation or technology. Second, the innovation brought was adjusted to the community needs. Third, the community participation, it means the actor is the community. The final principle, these activities should be used as the pilot project. "If we could handle these four principles, we will be beneficial," added Dr. Prastowo. (Wied)