

30 Mine Companies Participated the Training Program on Mine Reclamation

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About 30 mining companies from all over Indonesia participating the training program on "Mine Land Reclamation Technology to Support the Green Mining" held by the Center for Mine Reclamation of Bogor Agricultural University (PSRT), on Monday, 21 November 2011, at the IPB International Convention Center (IICC), Baranangsiang Campus, Bogor.

Some of these companies were PT Antam Tbk, PT Timah, PT Inco, PT Berau Coal, PT Kaltim Prima Coal, PT Adaro Indonesia and others. "Indonesia has a lot of mining companies, that operate on coal, minerals and oil mining. In the field, some companies implemented the reclamation program well, some practiced but not according to the standard, and some are not implementing the reclaiming areas," said Head Center of Mine Reclamation Bogor Agricultural University, Dr. Iskandar, in the training program.

According to him in the training program, the mining companies will be trained to utilize the right methods or appropriate technology to reclaim the mined lands. "We will train and increase their insight on how to improve soil fertility, to select suitable plants that fit to the mined lands, and also how to make compost," he said. He stated that PSRT is the consultant for those companies, which provides advice and find solutions to problems encountered by mining companies in the reclamation of mined lands.

"We do not practice the reclamation directly, but we provide consultation or coaching to the problems faced by those companies in the reclamation programs," he said. After the termination of the training program, according Iskandar, the participants were given opportunities to have a fieldtrip to PT Antam Pongkor, in Bogor Regency. (Wied).