

## **Indonesian Forestry Minister Inaugurates Permanent Seed Nursery of DRAMAGA**

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Forestry Minister of RI, Dr (HC) Zulkifli Hasan, SE, MM inaugurated a Permanent Seed Nursery at Bogor Agricultural University (IPB) Dramaga, Saturday (7/12). "I hope this Seed Nursery becomes a pilot project of nursery to give benefits to students, faculty members, and researchers of IPB and others. I also hope it can help meet the needs for tree seedlings so that the target of planting one billion trees could be reached," said Zulkifli. A good nursery will cost approximately Rp 5 billion. "We will help with the development costs so that the Permanent Nursery can be optimal," said Zulkifli.

This activity was attended by approximately 1,400 those involved in the Development of Conservation-Based Rural Community Forestry (PPMBK) from various regions, students of University of Sebelas Maret Surakarta (UNS), Lampung University and other universities.

IPB Vice Rector for Resources and Strategic Studies, Prof. Dr. Hermanto Siregar said there was no nothing to loose in planting trees. Many benefits can be taken from a tree. "Even if tomorrow is the doomsday, do not hesitate to plant a tree. hope the Ministry of Forestry of Indonesia provide full support in the development of the Permanent Seed Nursery,": he said. After delivering his speech, Zulkifli released 25 thousand seedlings for distribution to the public. (Mtd)