

## **Student's interest in IPB Still High Thursday, April 3, 2014**

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At the closing of enrolment for the National Selection Entrance Test for State University (SNMPTN) 2014, Monday (31/3) at 23:59 pm, there were 36013 students recorded to choose Bogor Agricultural University (IPB). This figure includes both students who choose IPB as the first choice and those take it as the second choice.

The students with IPB as the first option account for 23,465 people and those choosing IPB as the second option are 12,548 people. IPB's capacity of 2014 accommodates only 2100 students through the SNMPTN. This means a quite tight competition: 1:11.

This year, the top ten study programs of high interest are Nutritional Sciences, followed Agronomy and Horticulture, Management, Food Science and Technology, Agribusiness, Agroindustrial Technology, Computer Sciences, Veterinary Medicine, Communication Science and Community Development, and Statistics.

"I notice that there is increasing interest in the study programs which was last year less favored by the students, such as Physics, Engineering Technology and Biosystems, Applied Meteorology, the foundation of which is the physical sciences - this year the demand has increased. There is also an increased interest in the study programs of the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, Faculty of Forestry, Faculty of Agriculture, Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences and the Faculty of Human Ecology," said Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs, Prof. Dr. Ir. Yonny Koesmaryono in his office, (2/4).

In general, the number of applicants in the SNMPTN increases slightly at the national level, about three percent from that of last year. But at IPB it has decreased because this year the students majoring in Social Sciences (IPS) and of Vocational Schools (SMK) who chose IPB in non-linear channel are not allowed enrolling. IPS students cannot register to IPB through the SNMPTN, but they can take a written test, i.e., Joint Selection Entrance Test for State University (SBMPTN) and the Talent Test of IPB (UTMI).

Other factor influencing this decline is the Counseling and Guidance staff (BK) has begun to understand and adjust the strategies in directing the students' interests. "Last year, SNMPTN was widely open and free so that students flocked to sign up without a certain strategy, that is, to adjust their interest to their academic achievement. This year, with the experience of last year, they have started thinking rationally," he said. (Mtd)