

Agriaswara IPB Concert Prekompetisi Prior to Switzerland and Ireland

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Prior leaving Indonesia for the 5th International Mission in Art and Culture in Switzerland and Ireland, the Student Choir (PSM) of IPB "AgriaSwara" (PSM AgriaSwara-IPB) held a precompetition concert "La Gloriosa Aventura", on Friday, 12 April 2014, on DRAMAGA Campus, Bogor. Supervisor of PSM-IPB AgriaSwara, Dr. DVM. H. AgusLelana, M.Si, in his remarks stated, "In this pre-departure concert, we appeal that all the university community will support and pray that God will bless the team special mission. Hopefully PSM-IPB AgriaSwara will compete successfully and promote the IPB alma mater".

According to one of PSM of IPB "AgriaSwara" Presidium, Sulistyowati, this special concert "La Gloriosa Aventura concert" which means noble journey was established as their appeal for prayer and support of the university communities for their mission. "Hopefully we will be able to comply our mission successfully on those two countries. The concert was also a farewell concert for PSM IPB AgriaSwara before their departure," she said.

Further Sulistyowati stated that PSM AgriaSwara will again to participate in two international competitions representing Indonesia in Europe. On April 24 to 26 PSM IPB AgriaSwara will compete to test their performance in 50th Montreux Choral Festival in Switzerland. Their debut then will be continued to the 60th Cork International Choral Festival in Ireland, on 30 April – 4 May 2014. For the 50th Montreux Choral Festival which will be held in Switzerland, the group will perform six songs, that include the compulsory song for the competition. The competition is more special because it is a celebration of the 50th year of the international competition. In addition, PSM AgriaSwara IPB also became the first Indonesian representative who will compete in one of the oldest choral art competition with a high standard of judging in the plains of Europe. International choir competition held in Ireland this has been held since 1954 and followed nearly five thousand participants from various countries.

"In their preparation for the competition, the team have implemented a tough routine exercises. We do not only learn the singing technique but also dances. This is consistent with our cultural mission "The 5th International Mission in 2014 Art and Culture", to introduce the wealth of the Indonesian culture to the world. We hope that the team who will leave for Switzerland and Ireland will inspire other student chorus in Indonesia to keep on working," said Suli. (Wied).