Bogor Agricultural University (IPB) and UniversitasSiswaBangsaInternasional (USBI), Sampoerna University is cooperating to improve human resources in the agricultural sector. The memorandum of understanding was signed by Rector of IPB, Prof. Dr. Ir. Herry Suhardiyanto, M.Sc. and Rector of USBI, Sampoerna University, Prof. Dr. Ir. Aman Wirakartakusumah M.Sc., Thursday (24/4), in Jakarta.

This cooperation will begin with IPB’s guidance to USBI in the development of the study programs of Food Science and Technology, and Agronomy and Horticulture offered by USBI, Jakarta.

"IPB is committed to working together with USBI in providing qualified education through strategic partnerships," said IPB Rector. The IPB-USBI cooperation is a strategic step for the development of human resources with expertise in agriculture. It begins with the development of curriculum and education. IPB Rector said, "This collaboration should be immediately implemented in the form of concrete activities, particularly in the development of education. Later it is further improved in student exchange activity, expanded access to education, academic quality assurance and development of innovation."

Meanwhile USBI Rector, Prof. Aman added, USBI students who have completed basic courses and introduction to engineering science satisfactorily have the opportunity to continue their education for a degree in the Food Science and Technology and the Agronomy and Horticulture.

Further, USBI Rector said, "What can be developed in this collaboration is not only about the study programs Food Science and Technology; and the Agronomy and Horticulture, but also the desire to learn from the experience of IPB in how to improve and succeed in the new students admissions, particularly in 2014."

USBI, Sampoerna University is the university under the auspices of Putera Sampoerna Foundation, launched for the concern of Putera Sampoerna Foundation over the economic development of Indonesia through education.

According to Nenny Soemawinata, Managing Director of Putera Sampoerna Foundation, Indonesia needs a lot of human resources capable of building the economy in the field of agriculture. Putera Sampoerna Foundation continuously supports the development of quality human resources in Indonesia through innovations in education. One is a high-quality higher education. "Putera Sampoerna Foundation is confident that the IPB-USBI partnerships can produce future leaders who can make positive changes and eventually make Indonesia a more developed country," he said.

Nenny stressed that USBI is also developing women empowerment to improve the capability and expertise of women who want to move forward. (Mtd)