Since 2009, Bogor Agricultural University (IPB) has been carrying out Jumling (Friday Tours) to the villages around its campus. This year, IPB again held a Friday Tour debut in 2014 in the Village of Situ Gede, West Bogor Regency (30/5).

IPB considers the Friday Tour as part of the Tri Dharma (Three Major Tasks) of higher education in the Community Services. Since its beginning, the Friday Tour of IPB has empowered surrounding villages in various activities such as extensions, mentoring, community empowerment, Posdaya, teachers monitoring mosquito larvae, fogging operator training, and others. One of the successful efforts made in the partnership between IPB and the surrounding villages is the presence of Posdaya. The Posdaya existing in Situ Gede Village is called Posdaya Kenanga. In this Posdaya, villagers can easily access posyandu for Toddlers and Elderly, early childhood curriculum, and the teachers also receive guidance directly from IPB, the products of small-medium businesses obtains training on PIRT, mapping of people’s health, vertikultur vegetable planting, oyster mushroom cultivation, and other activities. "The latest is the presence of a Self Therapy of Diabetes Park at Posdaya Kenanga. It is a form of IPB’s support for Bogor City government’ program: A City of a Million Parks. Through Friday Tours and Posdaya IPB plans to develop similar parks in other villages," said Dr. DVM. Rachmat Hidayat, Coordinator of Friday Tour 2014.

This park is designed specifically for people with diabetes mellitus where the plants cultivated are medicinal plants for diabetics. The few plants that can be grown in the park are Kandis acid, Brotowali, shallots, garlic, beans, kari Leaves, Leaf Scoop, corn, ginger, guava, Kaffir Lime, Jombang, Keji Beling, Java Tea, Turmeric, Pumpkin Parang, Leucaena, Aloe Vera, mahogany, maja, Noni, pare, pulai, rambutan, salam, sambiloto, Betel and Tapak Dara. As Chairman of Damandiri Foundation, Prof. Haryono Suyono appreciates the success of Posdaya developed by IPB, such Posdaya Kenanga in Situ Gede. "Looking at the success of Kenanga Posdaya, I dare to provide training for 16 villages in West Bogor in order to replicate Posdaya Kenanga built by IPB," he said.

Also present in this activity were IPB Rector, Prof. Dr. Ir. Herry Suhardiyanto, Secretary of West Bogor District, Budiman, Situ Gede village chief, Andi, S. IP, Head of LPPM-IPB, Dr. Ir. Prastowo, the originator of Self therapy of Diabetes Park, Centre for Biofarmaka IPB, Ir. Qodarian Pramukanto, MSi and teams. (Mtd)