Directorate of Student Affairs, Bogor Agricultural University (IPB) conducted training on Emotional Spiritual Quotient (ESQ) for 2 days on Saturday and Sunday, 8 and 9 November, 2014 in the Auditorium of Toyib Hadiwijaya, Faculty of Agriculture, Dramaga campus of IPB, Bogor. This training is specifically for new students, Batch 51 of the Academic year 2014. Approximately 500 students attended this training.

Students are the future generation. So important is the position of young people in a nation that ESQ realizes the importance of specialized training for them. For two days the participants were made easier to understand and explore the ESQ as preparation for the future.

"The ESQ training activities for the new students to develop their character have been carried out for 3 years consecutively. The character building program serves to increase the emotional and spiritual intelligence, which has the impact on the achievement of basic values (honesty, responsibility, visionary, discipline, teamwork, fair, and caring). In addition, it is to help improve the student’s intelligence so that they can devote his or her potential for more productive life and work," said Head of Sub-Directorate of Student Welfare, Dr. Megawati Simanjuntak.

Meanwhile, Secretary of the Institute, Dr. Ir. Ibn Qayim in his speech while opening the ESQ training said, "This activity is nothing but to encourage the students to able to complete their day-to-day problems. They are also expected to reach a point of balance between the intellectual, emotional and spiritual intelligence and achieve breakthrough in life, learn to study, as well as become persons who are resilient and ready for challenges."

The resource persons from the ESQ Leadership Center under the guidance of Dr. H.C. Ary Ginanjar Agustian presented the material about the motivation and character building. Participants are made aware about the spiritual nature in the face of challenges. Therefore, they are expected to have a clear spiritual basis in view of the nation’s problems.

ESQ is a merger between the control of emotional and spiritual intelligence, as well as development of character and emotional intelligence when a person interacts with others. Emotional Quotient (EQ) can be constructed and developed through the ESQ model, namely by understanding and practicing faith in everyday life. ESQ is present to complete the meaning of success with deep spiritual values towards the essence of happiness. (Mtd)