Friday Tour to Ciherang Village

Rector of IPB in Friday Tour to Ciherang Village

Dozens of farmers of Village Ciherang, members of Farmer Groups “Subur Makmur” attentively participated in the Friday Tour of IPB (*Jumling*) (21/5). They were together with the team of IPB Friday Tour lead by the Rector of IPB, Prof.Dr. Herry Suhardiyanto.

At this time the event took place on a open space under (*rambutan*) hairy fruit trees, near the rice field, goat pen, and a duck farm of the local residents in Kampung Rawakalong,

Cheerful look was seen on the faces of those who were present at the event. Male members of the Farmer Groups, female members of Women Farmer Groups, and the youth of the Young Farmer Groups, prepared hand in hand everything needed for the event on that day. "It really feels nice to meet with Mr. Rector. This is the first time for me to see him directly," said Mrs. Juju, who has been nine years as Chairman of the Women Farmer Group in the village.

On this occasion, IPB through its experts transferred practical knowledge to the local communities: namely, how to create a pro-biotic feed for sheep and ducks, carp farming, Microfinance Institution (*LKM*), Micro-Medium Feed Businesses (*UKM*), Family Empowerment Post (*Posdaya*), and Plant Clinic. Each theme of knowledge was presented respectively by *drh.* (Veterinary Doctor) Rahmat Hidayat of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (FKH) IPB, Ir. Dadang Syafruddin of the Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Science (*FPIK*) IPB, Nurhadi, MM., of the Faculty of Economics and Management (*FEM*), IPB, Ir. Sutrisno Koswara, M.Si, Ir. Yannefri Bachtiar, M.Si, of the Center for Human Resource Development (P2SDM), Institute for Research and Community Service (*LPPM*), IPB, and Dr. Ir. Titi Candra Sunarti of Faculty of Agriculture (*Faperta*) IPB.
The Friday Tour was begun by giving some aids to the orphans and delivering *tausiyyah* or religious advice by *Ustadz* (Lecturer) Hamzah of IPB. Also present in the 5th round of the Friday Tour this were the Chairman of the Board of Professors, Prof. Dr. Endang Suhendang; Executive Secretary (SE) IPB Dr. Bonny P.W. Soekarno; and Director of Research and Strategic Studies (RKS) IPB Dr. Ir. Zulkarnaen Iskandar Siregar. The team was warmly welcomed by the village chief of Ciherang, Suherwin.

After the presentation of the action program, Rector gave hundreds of thousands of carp eggs to the local communities represented by the Chairman of Farmer Groups “Gapoktan”, Iskandar. Then, as gratitude for this successful event, Rector was let cut the *tumpeng* rice (cone-shaped, usually yellow in color) and this was followed by eating together.

The team of IPB’s Friday Tour, then, returned home carrying various products of excellence in the village such as salted duck eggs, cassava chips, stringed beans, and *bengkuang*. (mtd)