Learning Children’s Growth and Development in Friday Tour of IPB

This time the Friday tour of Institution for Research and Community Services IPB is held in the Village of Neglasari (11/6). The mothers who attend bring along their babies. The event opens a consultation on parenting and child’s growth and development.

"Surely you, mothers would like to ask why a child does not like to eat. There are some factors why a child likes or dislikes to eat. For example, look at the eating habits of the parents," said Ir. Latifah Meli, M. Si of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, Faculty of Human Ecology, IPB.

Besides the dietary pattern, Ir Meli advised that before entering elementary schools, a child be taken to a pre-elementary school. This is important so that the transition period experienced by the child is more subtle or not too abrupt.

"Pre elementary school can be either an Early Childhood Education or Kindergarten. Department of IKK (Family and Consumer Science) has developed two early childhood educations in the village of Ciampea. In the future we hope we can also open similar schools in 14 villages around the campus," she said.

For the time being, the action programs in the village of Neglasari are Posdaya (a community empowerment center), small-medium scale businesses in food, food safety, plant clinic, Bambu (farming, food and construction materials), and delivery of plant seed. Attending the Friday Tour were the Dean of Faculty of Human Ecology, Dr. Ir. Arif Satria; Head of the Department of Community Nutrition, Dr. Budi Setiawan; Head of the Department of IKK, Dr. Hartoyo and staff as well as the cadres of Posdaya,. (mtd)