Collaboration of IPB and Gowa Regency Goverment, South Sulawesi

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On April 6, 2015, IPB team that consisted of Rector, Prof. Herry Suhardiyanto, Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs, Prof. Yonny Koesmaryono, Director of Collaboration and International Programs (KSPI), Dr. Edy Hartulistyoso dan Head Plant Physiology and Genetics Division, Department of Biology, Prof. Dr. Ir. Suharsono DEA had visited Gowa Regency, South Sulawesi. IPB team met Gowa Regent, Chairman dan Vice Chairman of Legislature (DPRD) of Gowa, dan District Goverment Unit (SKPD) Gowa, that consisted of several Head of Its Units. This Visitation aims to collaborating in education and agriculture research and development, especially for potato comodity. In this opportunity, 150 Senior High School (SMA) best students in Gowa Regency took a written examination for regional representative scholarships (BUD) programs. In the afternoon until night, Prof. Suharsono and Dr. Edy Hartulistyoso that was accompanied by Head of Gowa Department of Agriculture and one of Gowa DPRD Head Division, visited potato garden and discussed with its farmers in Tinggi Moncong Sub-District. In this sub-district, 1500 ha land area that would be dedicated for potato agriculture. IPB dan Gowa Goverment planned to collaborated releasing minimal one potato cultivar which is suitable to be planted in Gowa. While doing multiplication of seeds, multilocation test and varieties truth test and preparation of documents for releasing those varieties that will takes a long time, IPB will provide Go, potato seed which will be propagated to G1, G2, G3 and G4 in Gowa Regency.

Picture 1: Prof. Suharsono from Plant Physiology and genetics Division, Department of Biology, IPB (third from the left), accompanied by Director of KSPI IPB, Head Department of Agricultue, Gowa Goverment dan Chairman of a Gowa DPRD division visited potatoes nursery in Tinggi Moncong Sub-District, Gowa Regency, South Sulawesi.

Picture 2: IPB team that consisted of Prof. Herry Suhardiyanto, Prof. Yonny Koesmaryono, Dr. Edy Hartulistyoso and Prof. Suharsono met Gowa Regent and staffs and Chairman and members of DPRD of Gowa.

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