



## **RECTOR WELCOMING SPEECH**

### **International Seminar**

# **Improving Management and Implementation of Ecosystem Restoration Policy in Indonesia: Learning from Field and Other Nations**

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*The honorable,*

*His Excellency Ambassador of USA in Jakarta, Mr. Robert O. Blake, Jr or his representative.*

*Distinguished Representatives of Embassy of UK, Denmark*

*Minister of Environment and Forestry or representative officer*

*Director of General Sustainable Production Forest Management and Head of Research Development and Innovation Agency-KLHK*

*Distinguished Asia Pacific Program Specialist, US Forest Service, Mr. Eric Hoenig*

*Distinguished Professor Larry Fisher, University of Arizona*

*Dean of Faculty of Forestry IPB*

*Heads of Department or representatives*

*President Director of PT REKI (Drs. Effendy A. Sumardja MSc) and the directors of Ecosystem Restoration companies*

*Head of Burung Indonesia Council*

*Executive Director of Burung Indonesia Council*

*Lectures and Researchers of IPB, students, and all speakers and guests.*

Assalamualaikum Wr Wb

Good Morning,

Praise to Allah the Almighty for all His blessing, where today, we could all gather here in order to attend the International Seminar with theme "Improving Management and Implementation of Ecosystem Restoration Policy in Indonesia"

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In 2013, Bogor Agricultural University (IPB) had declared a vision as it is stated in the IPB statute (PP No. 66/2013), "To be an advance in strengthening the national dignity through superior

education globally in the sector of agriculture, marine and tropical bioscience". To realize this vision, of course, many challenges must be overcome for the Tridharma activities advancement and development of IPB in the future.

As one of institutions which have a mandate in the implementation of agricultural, marine and tropical bioscience higher education, we continuously try providing and developing research products, concept of ideas and innovation that can be implemented as the form of contribution and role of higher education institutions in strengthening of research products. One of them is "the Science Policy and Practices Interfacing" to help solving problems in resources management by providing solutions based on science. Surely, this seminar is one of "sharing knowledge and policy dialogue" to strengthen the policy related to ecosystem restoration that can be implemented in Indonesia..

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Policy of Ecosystem Restoration as it is stated in the Ministry of Forestry Regulation **Permenhut SK.159/Menhut-II/2004** about **Ecosystem Restoration in Production Forest**, the management of production forest enables the optimization of non-wood multi-products, including non-wood forest product utilization, environmental service and site utilization.

Hopefully, the policy related Ecosystem Restoration is able to stimulate the establishment of forest management model in the future which is benefited for education, research, community service and business development purposes. We find business development through Ecosystem Restoration model has a lot of chances that need to be studied with involve experts, professional businessmen, community, and government.

However, support from public and other parties are still required to guarantee success and to guard the implementation of ecosystem restoration.

Your attendance in this forum can be support Ecosystem Restoration management better in the future.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In this opportunity, IPB would like to thank to "Burung Indonesia Council", "Research, Development and Innovation Board – the Ministry of Environment and Forestry", and "the United States Forest Service, USAID" for all supports and cooperation, so that this event could be conducted well.

We are hoping that the discussion later will be able to generate recommendations for the Policy of Ecosystem Restoration Improvement so that those can be implemented well and wise and can be solve many problems in the field.

Wassalamualaikum Wr. Wb.

**Rector of IPB**

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