

Indonesia and Australia Cooperate with UGM in Commercial Cattle Breeding Training

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Indonesia Australia Red Meat and Cattle Partnership and Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) have conducted training programme batch 3 for breeding and management of commercial cattle.

This is the first time to be done with UGM but the third done by the Partnership. This time it is followed by 20 participants from Indonesia who are industrial players in slaughter cow, oil palm, and commercial cattle.

The training lasts for three weeks with two weeks being in Indonesia from 1-12 April 2019, including training and field visits to cow breeding models in Java and Kalimantan. The last week will be field visits to farming sites in Queensland Australia from 21-30 April 2019.

Team Leader Advisory and Support Group of Partnership, Muhammad Isradi Alireja, said the goal of the training was to encourage more profitable and sustainable cattle breeding in Indonesia. Transfer of knowledge and experience sharing are expected to arise from the training to achieve competence and competitiveness.



Partner and program facilitator who is Dean of Faculty of Animal Sciences UGM, Prof. Dr. Ir. Ali Agus, DAA., DEA, IPU., said the cooperation was a form of contribution from UGM academic community in animal husbandry sector in the country, especially in commercial cattle breeding. According to Ali Agus, good cooperation between university, industry, and government was an important factor to enhance the sector here.

The programme is funded by Indonesia Australia Partnership on Food Security in the Red Meat and Cattle Sector. Initiated in 2013, it will last up to 2023 and worth AUD 60 m. Through the Partnership, the Indonesian and Australian governments join forces to increase red meat and cattle supply and increase trade and investment between Indonesia and Australia.

Since 2015, the partnership had disbursed AUD 4.2 m for capacity enhancement programme among stakeholders. The signing of Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (IA-CEPA) in March 2019 means the Program became a relevant programme for human resource capacity building in Indonesia.

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