

## Indonesian Cattle Breeders Make Field Visit to Australia

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Faculty of Animal Sciences UGM in collaboration with Indonesia Australia Red Meat and Cattle Partnership invited farming companies and cow breeders to make a field visit to Brisbane, Australia, from 21- 30 April 2019. The visit was one of the projects of *Commercial Cattle Breeding and Management Training Program Batch III*. Previously, they did training in Indonesia from 1- 12 April 2019.

Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Dr. Ir. Ali Agus, DAA., DEA., IPU, when contacted on Tuesday (30/4), said the programme was very useful for the cattle breeders to get a picture of the field in Australia and Indonesia to make them more professional in national cow breeding.

Similarly, course leader, Ir. Panjono, S.Pt., M.P., Ph.D., IPM, said the field visit emphasised on understanding of Australian cattle breeding and possibilities to adopt it here depending on the local condition.

“Programme participants give presentations on their project after the training which will be evaluated at the end of the programme. In Australia, they will also learn breeding methods, fattening, and machinery,” he said.



Galank Erlangga, one participant from UGM, said he earned many important experiences from the training related to cattle breeding in both countries and the potential for application in Indonesia.

Meanwhile, Andi Zaelani, representative from PT. Fass Forest Development (BKB GROUP) in Kalimantan, said he learned the technologies to be adopted to treat the cattle by taking into account the animal welfare and manpower efficiency in the farms. He hoped the technology could be applied for oil palm - cattle systems integration in Indonesia.

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