

## **Third Party Evaluator's Opinion on The Bogor Agricultural University (IPB) Development Project II**

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### **Relevance**

The objectives of the project during its development stage were consistent with the national and regional development plans, i.e. the priority of the sixth five-year national development plan (REPELITA VI: 1994-1998) on the education sector which placed emphasis on the increase in science and technology student numbers as one of the focus of human resources development policy. The project objectives have gained more relevance with current medium term national development plan (RPJM: 2005-2009) and Higher Education Long Term Strategy (HELTS: 2003-2010) of the Ministry of National Education that has placed greater emphasis on producing competitive science and technology university graduates.

Bogor Agricultural University is the leading institution in Indonesia in producing graduates as well as research outputs in agriculture. Needs for such graduates and outputs are felt throughout Indonesia, especially for regions that rely most on the agriculture sector. Regions would benefit greatly from capacity building in the sustainable management of its agriculture sector. Bogor Agricultural University is in a unique position to assist regions by providing advocacy, training and practical research outputs either directly or through cooperation with regional universities.

There are many complementary projects in progress financed by the Ministry of National Education that focuses on the development of the management capacity at the Department level. The projects mentioned include all discipline, in the social and natural sciences field. The Bogor Agricultural University Development Project scope and target, therefore is highly appropriate and complement other existing higher education development initiatives undertaken by the Ministry of National Education.

### **Sustainability**

Bogor Agricultural University is one of four pioneer universities in Indonesia that has embarked as a separate legal entity since 2000 with increased budgetary and institutional autonomy. This is a welcome development that would ensure sustainability of maintenance and operation of the facilities post-project. Despite this, improvements in the availability, operation and maintenance of current laboratory facilities and equipment are urgently needed as indicated by the quite low percentage of students 57.7% who felt satisfied with the facilities.

Agriculture and veterinary medicine researches are areas that rapidly develops with the consequent need for leading university such as IPB to update its laboratory and veterinary hospital facilities and equipments in a routine manner. Research and clinical activities to the benefit of public should be developed further with the objectives of enhancing the capabilities of students and teacher, benefiting the public and generating revenues needed for recurrent costs as well as investment needs. Commercial collaboration with domestic and foreign private sector needs to be more encouraged by utilizing the excellent facilities and researchers generated by the Bogor Agricultural University Development Project II.