Land & Forest Fire Prevention through Green Village Development (Environmental-friendly Independent Village) toward Free Haze & Greenhouse Gas (GHG) and Sustainability of Ecosystem

Step 1, the 3rd Team Building to Village Facilitators’ Teams in Kubu Raya District: Implementation of Cooperation between Kubu Raya District - Ministry of Forestry - JICA

On Saturday, December 15th, 2012, the Government of Kubu Raya Regency in West Kalimantan - through the Regency Office of Estate, Forestry and Mining (Disbunhuttam) - in cooperation with the Ministry of Forestry of the Republic of Indonesia through the Natural Resources Conservation Office in West Kalimantan (BKSDA), will start a Team Building for members of 3rd Village Facilitators’ Teams to the targeted villages selected as pilot villages for enhancing land and forest fire prevention (Rasau Jaya Umum, Punggur Kecil, Kuala Dua, Sungai Raya Dalam Villages). In addition, in the team building, fire-prone villages around the targeted villages are also involved to aim at developing an understanding on village facilitation to enhance community participation in preventing fire outbreaks in peat land areas for supporting implementation of the Presidential Instruction No. 16 year 2011.

This Team Building is one of the activities to develop further effective methods for enhancing land and forest fire prevention through developing the capacities of stakeholders, mainly at village level, under the “Program of Community Development of Fires Control in Peat Land Area (FCP),” a technical cooperation (project) between Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Ministry of Forestry.

A village is requested to function as a unit to assure land and forest fire prevention in a regency due to decentralization. Village facilitators’ teams form networks of those who inhabit at or are officers in charge of the targeted villages. Their roles are to take initiatives in supporting village administration for independent and environmental-friendly development, as well as to function as a facilitator in cooperation with district administration in land and forest fire prevention, mainly through the District Working Group for Land and Forest Fire Prevention chaired by Disbunhuttam.

In this Green Village Development, it will be prioritized to integrate three (3) approaches: 1) Strengthen control of land management, 2) Activate collective actions in land management, as well as 3) Enhance sustainability of land-based economy through diversifying village economic activities. The integration of the approaches mentioned above is expected to be able to contribute to eliminating the roots of the problems, namely weak social control and the necessity of burning for land clearing. This methodology is expected to contribute to promoting environmental conservation, mainly through mitigation of GHG emission with pro-community.

The 2nd step of Team Building will be implemented in the middle of January 2013, and then village
facilitation (comprehensive extension) for the targeted villages will start in February 2013 by the Village Facilitators’ Teams with the District Working Group for Land and Forest Fire Prevention.

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