

## FLASH FLOOD COOPERATION IN REDUCING RISK



Directorate General of Water Resources (SDA), Ministry of Public Works through the Directorate of Rivers, Lakes and Reservoirs in cooperation with the Agency Japan International Corporation Agency (JICA) organized a Supporting the Third Committee Meeting for Project on Flash Flood Disaster Management, the Water Resources Ministry of Public Works Building, Jakarta (21 / 7). The event was attended by Director of Marsh and Beach, representing the Director General of Water Resources, officials of the Directorate of Rivers, Lakes and Reservoirs, Head BBWS Brantas and representatives of JICA.

Natural disasters in Indonesia is getting more complex and more natural disaster prone areas spread all over our country, then this should be addressed wisely and handled multi-disciplinary and multi-sector by the government, community and business organizations because it is a shared problem.

In his opening remarks the Director General of Water Resources, which was read by the Director of the Coastal Wetlands, Djajamurni, said that international cooperation in the field of study by JICA's disaster management plan aims to reduce the risks to the potential incidence of flash floods in Indonesia with activities to identify, assess and monitor disaster risks and enhance early warning and to increase alertness and preparedness of society particularly those living in flood prone areas.



Currently the implementation of disaster management has not been widely understood as part of development investments that must be implemented starting from the determination of policy, when the pre disaster prevention, treatment during and after disaster. Disaster relief is felt still not maximally integrated in development plans and the availability of limited resources in terms of disaster management is not comparable with the disaster the increasingly complex problems.

Djajamurni added, with this partnership can add pengetahuan community to further increase awareness and preparedness, especially for this event is also the means of implementation of Law No.7 of 2004 on Water Resources in terms of empowerment and community participation in managing the destructive force of water to minimize impacts.

With the incidence of flash floods in the district of Jember in early June 2006, which has resulted in as many as 83 victims dead souls, some houses completely destroyed and destruction of irrigation networks and some other infrastructure, has been giving lessons and experiences on all of us that the implementation of disaster reduction for kept under review in a disaster management plan in a comprehensive and sustainable, because natural disasters can happen anytime and anywhere.