

## Japan wants the Expert exchanges in SABO is extend



Japan government through *Director General of SABO – Erosion and Sediment Control, Ministry of Land Infrastructure, Transportation and Tourism of Japan*, Mr. Noriyuki Minami said that Japan government will continuing the cooperation in sending *long term expert* at SABO field.

“Meanwhile, on March 2012, the sending of *long term expert* which already runs for 40 years will end on certain phase. But, in order to strengthen the cooperation between us, according to that, we will might be continuing the cooperation in every aspects of level, government, researchers and private sectors,” said Mr. Noriyuki when met with Ministry of Public Works (PU) Mr. Djoko Kirmanto, today (27/2) in Jakarta.

Mr. Djoko welcoming the opinion and stated that the Indonesia government also need the continuing cooperation because has been knowing how big is the benefits of SABO technology. “In early before, the SABO technology only using to handle the cold lava in Mt. Merapi, but nowadays already using in some of volcanic mountains in all over Indonesia. Such as, Mt. Kelud in East Java, Mt. Bawakaraeng in South Sulawesi, and others volcanic mountains in West Sumatera,” said Mr. Djoko which sided by Technical Officer (Plt) Director General (Dirjen) of water Resources (SDA) Mr. Mochamad Amron.

Mr. Djoko added that the Mt. Merapi eruption on 2010 is the bigger eruption, so that the sabo, which is established at there couldn’t handle well the cold lava. Nevertheless, the eruption of Mt. Merapi, in early before could be handle well, because of the sabo.

Meanwhile Mr. Noriyuki said that the cases which is happened in Mt. Merapi is not only in Indonesia, but also happened in Japan. The experience from the Mountain Eruption could be usefull by other countries, especially in Asia reagon, like Philippines, which has the volcanic mountains same like as Indonesia.

In further, Mr. Noriyuki said that his visit now is to attend the seminar of “*Seminar on Integrated Disaster Mitigation Management for Banjir Bandang*” and also to signing the *Memorandum of Cooperation in Sabo Area (MOU) between the Ministry of Public Works (PU) and Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transportation and Tourism of Japan.*(nrm/ifn)

[http://www.pu.go.id/punetnew2010/indexa.asp?site\\_id=berita&news=ppw270212nrm.htm&ndate=2/27/2012%2011:32:14%20AM#contents](http://www.pu.go.id/punetnew2010/indexa.asp?site_id=berita&news=ppw270212nrm.htm&ndate=2/27/2012%2011:32:14%20AM#contents)