



PRESS RELEASE

Manunggal Jaya Cooperative Conducts the First Felling to Mark Oil Palm Replanting in Merlung

Merlung, Jambi, 19 February 2021 - The Village Unit Cooperative Manunggal Jaya commenced their replanting program, covering 226.22 hectares, with the symbolic felling the first old-generation oil palm in Adipurwa Village, Merlung District, Tanjung Jabung Regency West, Jambi Province, today. The cooperative was supported by Asian Agri's business unit PT Inti Indosawit Subur.

This event was attended by the Head of Adipurwa Village, Bambang Purwanto, the Chairman of KUD Manunggal Jaya, H. Muhtar, representatives of management of PT Inti Indosawit Subur (Asian Agri), Puji L. Sitompul, and all heads of smallholder groups under Manunggal Jaya Cooperative.

The replanting program aims to raise the productivity of oil palm plantations without opening new land. The felling of older generation oil palms represents the first step to replacing unproductive oil palm plants with new plants derived from Topaz superior seeds.

The use of superior seeds in oil palm plantation replanting supports the optimization of oil palm plantation productivity.

Chairman of Manunggal Jaya Cooperative, H. Muhtar said, "We have experienced the benefits of partnering Asian Agri in managing the first generation oil palm plantations. We are now continuing this partnership for the second generation crop. We hope that the productivity of this second generation of oil palms will be better than the previous," said H. Muhtar.

Adipurwa Village Head, Bambang Purwanto, acknowledged the support given by the local government to smallholders and expressed his appreciation for this activity. "We are monitoring the progress of the replanting closely with our partners and hope for great success," he added.

About Asian Agri:

Asian Agri is one of Indonesia's largest palm oil producers since 1979. Today, the company manages 100,000 hectares of land and employs over 25,000 people. A pioneer of the Indonesian government's Trans-National Government Migration (PIR-Trans) program, Asian Agri works with 30,000 plasma smallholders in Riau and Jambi who operate 60,000 hectares of palm oil plantations, as well as independent smallholders, bringing about positive impact on their quality of life and economic development.

Implementing a strict "no burn" policy and best practices in sustainable plantation management, Asian Agri has helped its smallholder partners improve productivity, yield and supply chain traceability, while assisting them obtain certifications. The company's mills are technologically advanced and energy self-sufficient, minimizing greenhouse gas emissions.

Asian Agri is a member of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO). More than 86% of both owned plantations in North Sumatra, Riau & Jambi provinces and 100% of scheme smallholder plantations in Riau & Jambi provinces have been RSPO certified. All plantations, including those owned by smallholders, have been certified by ISCC (International Sustainability & Carbon Certification). The company has also been 100% ISPO (Indonesian Sustainable Palm Oil) certified.

The company's operations are ISO 14001 certified, while its Learning Institute and nursery research center in Riau province, Indonesia are both ISO 9001 certified. Asian Agri's R&D Center in North Sumatra was also given a certification by the International Plant-Analytical Exchange at the WEPAL lab at Wageningen University in The Netherlands, for its high standards.

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