



PRESS RELEASE

Asian Agri Contributes Trees to School in Anticipation of Dry Season

Jambi, 17 September 2019 – In the effort to reduce global warming, PT. Inti Indosawit Subur (Asian Agri) today handed over tree seedlings to State Vocational High School (SMKN) 3 Tanjung Jabung Barat, Jambi Province.

Welly Pardede, Head of Asian Agri [Corporate Social Responsibility \(CSR\)](#), said planting fruit trees will be beneficial to schools and students, especially during the dry season when school yards are arid.

Besides being a source of oxygen, trees are able to retain water in the soil and absorb pollutant gases.

“The fruit crops planted will also enhance the look of the school and make it more lush and green. This will help support the students to learn in a more comfortable environment as the air will also be cool and fresh. Additionally, they will also be able to eat the fruit produced by the trees later,” Welly said.

M. Luth, Senior Manager at PT Inti Indosawit Subur in Tungkal Ulu, explained the green initiatives in the school can contribute towards developing the students into individuals who are concerned about [environmental sustainability](#). By building awareness among the students in this way, it is expected that they will have a positive influence on their families to create green homes.



Welly Pardede, Head of Asian Agri CSR handed over tree seedlings to State Vocational High School

Herlizal S.Pd, Head of SMKN 3 Tanjung Jabung Barat, expressed his gratitude to Asian Agri. “This activity helps to bridge the relationship between the business world and the education world. We urge all our SMKN students to take part in maintaining and caring for these fruit plants as we will be the ones who will be enjoying their benefits,” he said.

Present to witness the tree handover activity was Drs Agusman Mpd, Vocational Supervisor of the Jambi Provincial Education Office, Kasmuni SAg, Head of KUA Merlung, representatives from the Merlung Subdistrict, as well as teachers and students from SMKN 3 Tanjung Jabung Barat.

Asian Agri continues to demonstrate [sustainable oil palm plantation management](#) while encouraging communities to cultivate the habit of protecting the environment through its various Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs.

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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