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Indonesian Diplomats Visit Asian Agri's Oil Palm Plantation in Riau

Riau, May 11, 2018 – Asian Agri hosted 25 Indonesian diplomats as part of a programme by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to train overseas staff on the importance of the industry.

The Indonesian diplomats witnessed Asian Agri's sustainable palm oil production, including plantation management, the harvesting process, and the Integrated Pest Management system which uses natural alternatives to chemicals to control pests.

The visit to Buatan, Riau was supported by the Palm Oil Plantation Fund Management Agency and came as part of the Training Oil Palm Materials activities for School Participants, Staff and Foreign Service Leaders by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

To understand Asian Agri's efforts in supporting environmental sustainability and providing environmentally friendly renewable energy, the diplomats also visited the company's biogas power plant, which converts organic waste from the production process into clean electricity.

The Indonesian diplomats also visited plantations belonging to some of Asian Agri's smallholder partners which recently went through the replanting process, and had the opportunity to meet the farmers.

As a leading national palm oil company with a strong sustainability commitment, Asian Agri is happy to support initiatives from various parties who want to learn more about the industry.

"To date Asian Agri has become the place to learn about oil palm and its management for educational institutions and other organizations both nationally and internationally. Through this experience we hope that the participants can be the agents of development and the agents of information, who are able to promote national sustainable palm oil management in the broader scope," said Dr. M. Fadhil Hasan, Director of Corporate Affairs at Asian Agri.

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). More than 91% of plantations and mills owned by Asian Agri have been 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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