



Asian Agri Receives Replanting Award from the Ministry of Agriculture

Jakarta, 27 February 2023 - PT Inti Indosawit Subur, a business unit of Asian Agri, received the People's Palm Oil Replanting Programme (PSR) Award for Best Fresh Fruit Bunch (FFB) Productivity through Partnership from the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Indonesia, Syahrul Yasin Limpo.

The award was given because Asian Agri had successfully established a partnership with the Sawit Subur Village Unit Cooperative (KUD) to improve FFB productivity above industry average. The award was presented at the National Palm Oil Coordination Meeting held at the Pullman Jakarta Central Park Hotel on 27 February 2023.

At the opening of the coordination meeting, the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Indonesia, Syahrul Yasin Limpo said that good cooperation is essential between the central government and local governments, associations and companies, in order to accelerate the PSR programme so that people's incomes increase. At the same time, effective policies and coordination are imperative between stakeholders for the effective execution of the programme, he said.

Omri Samosir, Head of Operations, Asian Agri, said: "We are very proud and grateful for the award from the Ministry of Agriculture. Our support is not limited to the PSR program, but we work directly with the smallholders to provide guidance on how to manage their plantation throughout the production process".

The Chairman of KUD Sawit Subur, Bambang Haji Sutjipto said: "We have partnered with Asian Agri since the Government's Transmigration Program in 1991. We have seen how the company manages oil palm plantations well, so we will continue this partnership", he said. KUD Sawit Subur is located in Kampung Baru Village, Ukui District, Pelalawan District, Riau.

From 2019 to 2022, through partnerships with Asian Agri and support from the Oil Palm Plantation Fund Management Agency (BPDPKS), KUD Sawit Subur's FFB productivity achievement was 19.19 tons/hectare/year in the 3 immature plants period (P3). This shows that PSR can increase the productivity of oil palm FFB, as the 30 month old plant can already produce FFB.

"This cannot be done without good cooperation between companies, BPDPKS, banks, oil palm smallholders through KUD. This award shows that Asian Agri and the Indonesian government have the same goal of improving the lives of farmers. This also adds to our enthusiasm to continue to improve partnerships better with oil palm smallholders in order to increase the productivity of their oil palm trees through the PSR program", Omri said.

Asian Agri is committed to providing support and guidance in implementing best management practices as well as providing high quality oil palm seeds (Topaz) that can support the productivity of FFB for smallholders. This is also in line with the Asian Agri 2030 Commitment regarding Partnership with Smallholders which aims to improve the welfare of the smallholders.

The coordination meeting was also attended by industry leaders, namely Director General of Plantation, Andi Nur Alamsyah, Deputy for Food and Agribusiness Coordination, Musdhalifah Machmud, Main Director of BPDPKS Eddy Abdurachman, and Director General of Regional Development at the Ministry of Home Affairs, Teguh Setyabudi.

**About Asian Agri:**

Asian Agri is one of Indonesia's largest palm oil producers. Founded in 1979, the company today manages 100,000 hectares of plantation land and employs over 20,000 people. A pioneer of the Indonesian government's Trans-National Government Migration (PIR-Trans) program, Asian Agri currently works with 30,000 Plasma Scheme smallholders in Riau and Jambi who operate 60,000 hectares of palm oil plantations, and independent smallholders who manage a total 41,000 hectares.

Implementing a strict "no burn" policy since 1994 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.

All business units of Asian Agri has the Indonesian Sustainable Palm Oil (ISPO). Currently, all Asian Agri's plantations in North Sumatra, Riau & Jambi provinces and 100% of Plasma Scheme smallholder plantations in Riau & Jambi provinces have been RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil) certified. In addition, ISCC (International Sustainability & Carbon Certification) has been achieved by all plantations owned by Asian Agri and the smallholders it supports.

The company's operations are ISO 14001 certified, while its Learning Institute and nursery research center in Pelalawan, Riau province, Indonesia are both ISO 9001 certified. Asian Agri's laboratory at the Center for Research and Development in Tebing Tinggi is accredited by the National Accreditation Committee under the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (ILAC MRA).