

Supporting Good Quality Education, Asian Agri Provides New Classroom in Jambi Province

Jambi, 25 August 2018 – In conjunction with the 73rd Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia, Asian Agri through PT Dasa Anugrah Sejati (PT DAS) provided a new classroom to SDN 183 located in Lubuk Bernai Village, Tanjung Jabung Regency Barat, Jambi.

The inauguration of the new classroom was attended by Lubuk Bernai Village Chief, Zulfahmi, Head of SDN 183, Mukhsin, PT DAS Group Manager, Alison Marbun and Asian Agri Head of Sustainability Operations & CSR, Welly Pardede, as well as the school committee and community leaders.



Group Manager PT DAS, Alison Marbun (second from left) with Headmaster of SDN 183, Mukhsin and Head of Sustainability Operation & CSR Asian Agri ,Welly Pardede inaugurate the new classroom.

"Supporting and developing the quality of education in Indonesia is one way that Asian Agri focuses on the continuous improvement in the quality of life of the communities around the company. Tapping onto the Independence Day momentum, we want to share happiness with

schools and students by providing new classrooms complete with facilities for teaching and learning activities,” Welly said.

PT DAS Group Manager, Alison Marbun, said that the development of community welfare is the main focus of PT DAS in carrying out all the company’s operational activities. The involvement of the surrounding community in supporting the company’s activities is manifested through a harmonious relationship, which can be an example for other companies.

"We (PT DAS) are always committed to be a company that is loved by its communities. We hope that this assistance can be beneficial to schools to improve the quality of teaching and learning and of course, as joint property, it should be treated as best as possible, "Alison said.

Head of SDN 183, Mukhsin, conveyed appreciation to Asian Agri for supporting the school. “Thank you to Asian Agri, who has always actively supported the development of education in our village. This classroom will help us in continuing to develop our school to a better level,” Mukhsin said.

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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