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### THE VISIT OF THE DELEGATION FROM UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE, FAISALABAD TO BOGOR AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY (IPB), INDONESIA FROM 10-15 FEBRUARY 2012.

A Nine member delegation comprising of Professors from the Department of Horticulture and Forestry and Senior Management of the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, made seven days reciprocal visit to Bogor Agricultural University (IPB), Indonesia from 10-15 February 2012. In Indonesia, the delegation was warmly received by senior management of Bogor Agricultural University. The delegation headed by Prof. Dr. Asif Ali, Director, ORIC visited different institutions and held meetings with officials of various agricultural organizations especially horticulture, forestry and Agribusiness. The UAF delegation comprised of:

1. Prof. Dr. Asif Ali, Director, ORIC
2. Prof. Dr. Amjad Ali, Director Horticultural Science
3. Prof. Dr. Aslam Pervez, Horticultural Science
4. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tahir Siddique, Chairman, Department of Forestry, Range Management and Wildlife
5. Prof. Dr. Rashid Ahmad Khan, Department of Forestry, Range Management and Wildlife
6. Prof. Dr. Tahir Zahoor, Executive Director, Endowment Fund
7. Prof. Dr. Ashfaq Ahmad, Director, External Linkages
8. Dr. Muhammad Jafar Jaskani, Associate Professor, Horticultural Science
9. Dr. Muhammad Farrakh Nawaz, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Forestry, Range Management and Wildlife

International joint seminar on Horticulture, Forestry and Agribusiness collaboration initiatives between Bogor Agricultural University (IPB) Indonesia – University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF) Pakistan was held on 13 February, 2012. Opening ceremony started with the welcome address of the acting Rector of Bogor Agricultural University and general presentation about the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad by Prof. Dr. Asif Ali, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad.



## Session I: Moderator by Prof. Dr. Iskandar Z. Siregar

### Presentation:

1. Dr. M. Rahmad Suhartanto (Research on Tropical Horticulture)
2. Dr. Muhammad Jafar Jaskani (Horticulture)
3. Prof. Dr. Slamet Susanto (Research on Citrus)
4. Dr. Deni Noviana (Promoting Innovation and Commercialization at IPB)
5. Prof. Dr. Asif Ali, (Promoting Innovation, Incubation and Commercialization)
6. Prof. Dr. Tahir Zahoor (Halal Food)
7. Dr. Nancy Dewi Yuliana (Halal Food)



## Session II: Moderator by Dr. Alunda F.M. Zain

### Presentation:

1. Dr. Sutrisno (Postharvest Technology of Fruits and Vegetables)
2. Dr. Endes N. Dahlan (Research on Urban Forest)
3. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tahir Siddique (Forestry Aspects in Pakistan)
4. Dr. Nunung Kusnadi (Research on Agribusiness)
5. Prof. Dr. Rashid Ahmad Khan (Latest innovation in Forestry)

## Session III: Moderator by Dr. Rineko Soekmadi

Discussion

Closing remarks



On 14 February, 2012 brain storming meeting was held between the representative of the two organization at 4 pm and as a result an Action Plan for 2012 was signed between University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan and Bogor Agricultural University (IPB), Indonesia. Prof. Dr. Ashfaq Ahmad, Director External Linkages represented the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad-Pakistan and Prof. Dr. Iskandar Z. Siregar, Director Research and Strategic Issue Studies(DIRSIS) represented the Bogor Agricultural University, Bogor Indonesia. Under the preview of already signed MoU between the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF) Pakistan and Bogor Agriculture University (IPB) Indonesia during March 2011, both parties agreed to the following action plan for the year 2012.

1. Both university will promote students and faculty exchange and will give fee waiver to the visiting students nominated by each other for a period of up-to 6 months for internship/ research.
2. Participation in the conferences/seminars/symposia/workshops organized at the two universities. The local hospitality for participation in these events will be provided by the host university.
3. A joint conference on Horticulture, Forestry and Agribusiness will be organized at UAF during November – December, 2012.
4. Virtual learning will be promoted and credit earned through the courses will be counted at the respective university.
  - a. One course on Halal Food will be offered by Dr. Nancy in the next semester starting in August through video conference and the undergraduate students from the relevant disciplines, in particular NIFSAT & CABB will enroll the course as Elective.
  - b. Likewise Dr. Wayan will offer a course on Wood Science through Video Conference for the students of the Dept. of Forestry, Range Management and Wildlife, UAF.
  - c. Prof. Dr. Rashid Ahmad will offer a course “Taxidermy and Vertebrate Pest Management” for the students of the Faculty of Forestry, IPB.
5. The faculty members across the disciplines in the two universities will collaborate for submitting joint research proposals to international funding agencies like IDB and will have joint publications.
6. The editors of the ISI journals published from the UAF (Pakistan Journal of Veterinary Sciences, International Journal Agriculture and Biology, Pakistan Journal of Agricultural Sciences) and IPB (Hayati Journal of Biological Science) will circulate the contents of the publications to the faculty members across the two universities. Faculty members across the universities will help as reviewers in their respective subjects. The approved faculty members will become members of the editorial boards of the journals.
7. Both universities will facilitate the exchange of germplasm for non-commercial uses.
8. The UAF would send selected final semester students of B.Sc. (Hons) from NIFSAT to SEAFAST for product development and marketing internships for three to four weeks.
9. The UAF will send the selected faculty members for participation in the International Conference being organized by Faculty of Animal Husbandry in July 2012.
10. The Director External Linkages from UAF and Director of Collaboration and International Program/Director Research & Strategic Issues Studies, IPB will be the Focal Persons for this action plan.
11. The Action Plan will become effective with the approval of authorities of both the Universities.

