

# Report for the Visits to Indonesian Universities

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**Period:** March 14 - 18, 2010

**Destinations:** Bogor Agricultural University (IPB), Bogor, Indonesia  
Gadjah Mada University (UGM), Yogyakarta, Indonesia

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## Itinerary:

March 14, 2010      Left Kansai Airport to Jakarta  
March 15, 2010      Visit Bogor Agricultural University (IPB)  
March 16, 2010      Transfer to Yogyakarta (National Holiday in Indonesia)  
March 17, 2010      Visit Gadjah Mada University (UGM)  
                            Left Indonesia to Osaka  
March 18, 2010      Arrive in Kansai Airport

## Aims

In order to promote International Program of Frontier Biotechnology and to enhance the network with Indonesian universities, we visited two national universities in Indonesia, Bogor Agricultural University (IPB) and Gadjah Mada University (UGM). We had meetings with the professors/ staff of those universities, and Prof. Kanaya presented model lectures, as well as introductions of the program, to undergraduate/ graduate students.

### March 15, 2010: Visit to Bogor Agricultural University (IPB)

We left Jakarta at 8:30 for Bogor Agricultural University (IPB) by a rented car. IPB is a national university located at about two-hour distance by car from Jakarta. It was established in 1985 and has about 20,000 students and 1,200 staff at present.

We first visited Prof. Sony Suharsono, Director of Research Center for Bioresources and Biotechnology, and talked about the possibility of concluding an academic exchange agreement between Osaka University and IPB.

Then, we transferred to a hall of the Administration Bureau, and there, being hosted by Division of International Programs, Prof. Kanaya delivered a model lecture on a scientific topic and introduced Osaka University and International Program of Frontier Biotechnology, one of the major programs of our program, "International Collaboration Program of Graduate School for Faculty Development". More than 70 undergraduate and graduate students intently listened to him, and actively asked questions. Assis. Prof. Angkawidjaja also made a presentation on other international programs of Osaka University, including G30 Program.



After that, we moved to the office of the rector of IPB, Prof. Herry Suhardiyanto, and had a meeting with him together with Dr. Muhammad Agil (Head of Division of International Programs), Dr. Rinekso Soekmadi (Director of International Collaboration), Prof. Maggy Thenawidjaja Suhartono (Research Center for Bioresources and Biotechnology), and Prof. Sony Suharsono. We introduced about Osaka University and its international programs, as well as exchanged information of both universities.



After having lunch, we visited Research Center for Bioresources and Biotechnology again to talk about possible student exchange, and left the university at around 15:30 to go back to Jakarta.



### **March 17, 2010: Visit to Gadjah Mada University (UGM)**

We visited Gadjah Mada University (UGM) at 8:30 by a car arranged by the university. UGM is a national university with 19 faculties which was established in 1949 and currently has approximately 70,000 students.

First we visited Biotechnology Research Center for Biotechnology, and had a meeting with the director, Prof. Widya Asmara, along with Dr. Widodo, and Dr. Donny Widiyanto of the Center, as well as Dr. Irfan D.



Prijambada and Dr. Muhammad Saifur Rohman of Faculty of Agriculture. We made an introduction of Osaka University and its international programs, as well as exchanged information of both universities. We also talked about the possibility to upgrade the current Inter-Faculty Academic Exchange Agreement to an Inter-University Agreement.

Then, Prof. Kanaya gave a model lecture on a scientific topic at a hall of the Center to more than 20 graduate students. After that, we transferred to the Faculty of Agriculture, and there, being hosted by Prof. Triwibowo Yuwono, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Kanaya introduced Osaka University and International Program of Frontier Biotechnology to around 40 students. Assis. Prof. Angkawidjaja also made a presentation on other international programs of Osaka University. Students actively listened to the professors and asked questions, mainly about application procedure, selection criteria, and financial assistance including scholarship.



We left the university at around 12:30, and proceeded to the airport to leave for Japan after having lunch with academic staff of UGM.

## Results

This trip was fruitful because it provided us with the important opportunity to talk face-to-face with the professors of two Indonesian universities about possible or upgraded academic exchange agreements that could further strengthen our network with those universities, and also because it gave us the chance to introduce International Program of Frontier Biotechnology directly to the students of both universities who seemed to be much interested in the program and coming to Japan for studying.