Twenty Indonesian cattle breeding managers joined the Cattle Breeding and Management in Indonesia Short Term Award.

The course focused on increasing the awardees’ practical understanding of commercial cattle breeding systems through interaction with practitioners in commercial breeding programs in Indonesia and Australia with linkages to the Indonesia-Australia Commercial Cattle Breeding (IACCB) Program. The course also promoted commercial linkages between Indonesia and Australia, potentially facilitating investment and business collaboration for mutual benefit.

The program was funded by the Australia-Indonesia Partnership on Food Security in Red Meat and Cattle and conducted in collaboration with the Australia Awards in Indonesia, Advisory and Support Group (ASG) and the IACCB Program. Universitas Padjadjaran facilitated the course in Indonesia and the Northern Territory Department of Primary Industry and Resources (NT DPIR) delivered the course in Australia in collaboration with Northern Territory Cattlemen’s Association (NTCA).

The course was delivered in West Java, South Kalimantan and Lampung from 3 to 14 April 2018. The program included visits to cattle breeding companies, facilitated by IACCB: PT Kadila Lestari Jaya in Cijapati Majalaya Bandung, PT Buana Karya Bhakti and PT Cahaya Abadi Petani in South Kalimantan, PT Great Giant Livestock and PT Superindo Utama Jaya in Lampung to explore integrated oil palm and cattle production (SIKKA), semi-intensive grazing and smallholder cut-and-carry. Three of these companies (PT Buana Karya Bhakti, PT Cahaya Abadi Petani and PT Superindo Utama Jaya) are IACCB’s project partners in testing the three cattle breeding models.
The program in Australia took place in Darwin and Katherine in the Northern Territory for one week (29 April – 5 May 2018) and included visits to the Katherine Research Station, Katherine Gorge, Randwick Yards and Phoenix Park to give the awardees firsthand experience at commercial cattle breeding operations in Australia.

During the program the awardees presented their Award Projects to the technical experts from Universitas Padjadjaran, Association of Indonesian Beef Cattle Farmers (Gapuspin-do) and selected industry guests. They received positive feedback on their project plans and implementation. The projects also reflected their improved knowledge and skills obtained during the training. The university’s delivery team commented that the projects were of good quality, executable, relevant to the course and had contributed positively to the awardees’ work.

By the end of the program the awardees had developed their own collaborative association, “Breeding Management Officers,” which will be a forum for their future work to advance cattle breeding in Indonesia.

Testimonials:

“As a woman working in the cattle field, I was happy to be able to take part in this breeding training, starting in Indonesia (West Java, South Kalimantan and Lampung) and in Australia. A lot of knowledge was obtained in this program that can be applied in the breeding system. Hopefully in the future, the program will grow stronger. Thank you to the Indonesia-Australia Red Meat and Cattle Partnership, Australia Awards Indonesia, Universitas Padjadjaran and the Government of the Northern Territory for facilitating this training program.”

Arum Supriyanti, Health Control Coordinator, PT. Austasia Stockfeed

“I was proud to take part in the Commercial Cattle Breeding and Management in Indonesia short course that Australia Awards in Indonesia managed in cooperation with the Australia Red Meat and Cattle Partnership and Universitas Padjadjaran. Although the program in Australia was quite brief, I gained a lot from the training. I gained experience, knowledge, friends, insights and many other things in the world of livestock. I hope this program will continue to be carried out so that it can open the horizons of developing the cattle breeding business in Indonesia.”

Gunawan, Animal Husbandry Supervisor, PT. Santosa Agrindo

Participants visit quarantine facilities of the Northern Territory Livestock Exporters Association (NTLEA), Australia

Testimonials:

Two participants learn about artificial intelligence in breedlots to achieve maximum pregnancy/calving rates at Universitas Padjadjaran insemination laboratory, Jatinangor Indonesia.

Participants learn about pastures and forage for breeding cattle in Universitas Padjadjaran’s Pastures Laboratory

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