OPENING SPEECH OF GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL KALIMANTAN THE FOREST DIALOGUE - Food, Fuel. Fiber and Forests (4Fs) Palangka Raya, 18 Maret 2013

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Distinguised Ladies and gentlemen,

Ass. Ws. Wb.

Good morning and May peace be with you!

First of all, I would like to invite all of us to deliver the profound gratitude to the God Almighty due to His grace and love, we could join together in the healthty conditions to convene the Opening Ceremony of The Forest Dialogue on 4Fs (Food, Fuel, Fiber and Forest).

On behalf of the Government of Central Kalimantan, I welcome all of the participants in Central Kalimantan – Huma Betang – Bumi Tambun Bungai – Bumi Pancasila.

Distinguised Ladies and gentlemen,

I understand that The Forest Dialogue are aim to:

- Bridge the discussion on land-use between the forest and agriculture sectors, particularly palm oil, large to small scale, local to international;
- Develop understanding and innovation on the challenges of land and water use, intensification of forestry and farming while conserving forest values and safeguarding ecosystem services all within the context of meeting the needs of a rapidly growing global population;
- Establish specific and practical ways forward on key issues, and the preparedness to pursue them, among stakeholders in Indonesia and Internationally;

I have heard that all the participants conducted the Two-days Field Trip to Buntoi Village and nearby, and also to one of the palm oil company in Pundu Village. I believe that all the participants got a brief description on how the parties in Central Kalimantan benefit and use the land for many interests and uses.

Distinguised Ladies and gentlemen,

Central Kalimantan as the Indonesia's second largest province, has a total area of 15.3 million hectares. For the land-use, the Government of Central Kalimantan used Provincial Spatial Planning according to Peratutan Daerah No.8/2003, where for Forest Area was allocated to 8.4 million hectares (aproximately 55%) and Non-Forest Area was allocated to 6.9 million hectares (approximately 45%). However, nowadays, allocating of Forest Area has based on the new Decree of the Ministry of Forestry No.529/2012; where the Forest Area has been allocated to 12.7 million hectares (or 82% of total area) and Non Forest Area has 2.7 million hectares (or 18% of total area). By the growing needs of the land for development uses, The Government of Central Kalimantan have encouraged the approval of the new provincial spatial plan by reconciled with the new allocated forest area policy.

Forest area land use by many parties in Central Kalimantan are for forestry concession licences, namely Izin Usaha Pemanfaatan Hasil Hutan Kayu – Hutan Alam/Natural Forest (IUPHHK-HA) of 61 units on the area of 4.2 million hectares; IUPHHK-Hutan Tanaman/Timber Plantation (IUPHHK-HT) of 23 units on the area of 0.6 million hectares; and IUPHHK-Restorasi Ekosistem/ecosystem restoration (IUPHHK-RE) of 2 units on the area of 188 thousan hectares. The others forest area land use are for plantation and mining consession.

For forest area land use for agriculture or plantation, the Government of Central Kalimantan has obeyed to the existing rules and regulations; and has oriented to the sustainable development concept. When The Government give licence for plantation, the consideration is not only oriented to economic aspect, but social and ecology aspects as well. To implement the commitment for sustainable plantation development, The Government of Central Kalimantan has issued the Provincial Regulation (Peraturan Daerah/PERDA) No.5/2011 on Management of Sustainable Plantation in Central Kalimantan. The PERDA consisted of licencing for plantation bussiness, protecting the environment, empowerment and engagement of the community around the plantation company and so on.

Distinguised Ladies and gentlemen,

The Government concern has not only for the large bussines companies on forestry and agriculture or plantation, but also to the community and small-holders.

On plantation sector, The Govenrment of Central Kalimantan has offered and developed Program Revitalisasi Perkebunan Rakyat (Community Plantation Revitalization Program) on palm oil and rubber. Through PERDA 5/2011, the large plantation companies have been mandated to develop small-holders plantation around their concession area of 20% of the licenced total area. This program has been continued, although still have many field contraints, especially on land availability.

On forestry sector, the government of Central Kalimantan has committed to give the possibility to the community on the engagement of forest management. The Government has facilitated the community based forest management as Hutan Tanaman Rakyat (HTR) = People Forest; Hutan Kemasyarakatan (HKm) = Community Forest; and Hutan Desa (HD) = Village Forest.

Two days ago, I understand that all the participants visited Buntoi Village as a Village that having licence to manage the Village Forest. I hope that all the participants could get information, the weakness, the challenges and contraints on how the village community start learning to manage the forest by their own management.

Another policy issued by the Government of Central Kalimantan is giving space for recognition of local community and customary rights to the natural resources access. The policy was implemented as PERDA No 1/2000 on Customary Institution; and PERGUB No 4/2012 on Customary Land Rights.

Distinguised Ladies and gentlemen,

In term of "Food" on the theme of the Forest Dialogue, I would like to inform all of you that The Government of Central Kalimantan has launced Program KALTENG BESUH. Besuh means "full" with food. The program launced to make sure "food" for all the people of Central Kalimantan are sufficient. Considering the abundance

of natural resources as lands, forest, and aquatic ecosystem in Central Kalimantan, Program KALTENG BESUH will be addresed to fullfill the sufficiency of food crops, horticulture, fishery and livestock products.

Distinguised Ladies and gentlemen,

According to my brief notes above on the forest land use, I do hope through the Forest Dialogue, it will be indentified the key issues and practical ways forward that can be used by The Government of Central Kalimantan to formulize policy on forest land use.

I, on behalf of the Government of Central Kalimantan, would like to thank for choosing Palangka Raya as the venue of The Forest Dialogue. Thank you for CIFOR dan The Forest Dialogue. I do hope all of you enjoy to visit and stay in Palangka Raya.

Finally, by the grace of God Almighty, I declare that The Forest Dialogue on Food, Fuel, Fiber and Forest, officially opened.

Have a fruitful dialogue.

Thank you.

Ws.Wr.Wb

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The Governor of Central Kalimantan

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