50 students from various universities participated in **Intensive – Student Technopreneurship Program (I-STEP) 2008** which organized by the Recognition and Mentoring Program (RAMP) IPB, Thursday (31/7) at Darmaga Campus, IPB. “RAMP was established to facilitate the development of impact-oriented of invention and innovation in Indonesia. One of the aim is to develop the ability of innovation and competition of business among the students, which will contribute in the creation of independent work environment,” said Director of RAMP IPB, Dr. Ir Aji Hermawan, MM.

Rector of IPB, Dr. Ir. Herry Suhardiyanto, M.Sc hopes that I-STEP will help students to gain knowledge in order to create a knowledge based economy. “From the event it is hoped that new enterpreneurs will be born to raise the nation's economy,” said the Rector. The enterpreneurs would be able to provide more job opportunity for the society, thus contributing in the economic condition of the country.

The I-STEP program will be held in two weeks. Several keynote speakers will share their knowledge, including businesspeople, academician, practician, and decision makers. (ris)