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by Rector of IPB University

Distinguished keynote speakers and invited speakers,
Respected researchers, academics, practitioners, industry partners, ladies and gentlemen.

It is an honor and a great pleasure for me, on behalf of IPB University, to extend a warm welcome to all of you to The 3rd International Seminar on Tropical Bioresources Advancement and Technology, ISOTOBAT 2026.

First of all, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Directorate of Strategic Studies and Academic Reputation, IPB University, and to the Asosiasi Reproduksi Hewan Indonesia for organizing this important international seminar. I also wish to convey my gratitude to all keynote speakers, presenters, participants, and partners who have taken part in this forum and contributed to its realization.

This year, ISOTOBAT 2026 carries a highly relevant and forward-looking theme, namely, "Tropical Bioresources for One Health: Integrating Biotechnology, Digital Tools, and Sustainability." This theme reflects our shared awareness that the health of humans, animals, plants, and ecosystems is deeply interconnected. In today's world, we are facing increasingly complex global challenges, including climate change, biodiversity loss, food insecurity, emerging diseases, and environmental degradation. These challenges require not only scientific excellence, but also collaboration across disciplines, sectors, and nations.

In this context, tropical bioresources hold a very strategic role. As a country rich in biodiversity and tropical resources, Indonesia has enormous potential to contribute to global solutions through innovation in agriculture, food, health, animal sciences, marine resources, and environmental management. However, this potential must be managed responsibly and transformed through science, technology, and sustainable practices.



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Therefore, the integration of biotechnology, digital tools, and sustainability is no longer optional; it is essential. Biotechnology enables us to better understand and utilize biological resources. Digital tools strengthen our ability to improve precision, efficiency, and connectivity. Sustainability ensures that innovation remains relevant not only for today, but also for future generations.

Distinguished participants,

As a leading institution in agriculture, tropical biosciences, and agromaritime development, IPB University remains committed to advancing knowledge and innovation for the benefit of society. We believe that universities must serve as centers of excellence, but also as drivers of transformation. Through forums such as ISOTOBAT 2026, we aim to strengthen academic exchange, foster international collaboration, and encourage impactful research that addresses real-world problems.

I sincerely hope that this seminar will provide a productive platform for sharing ideas, research findings, and best practices, as well as for building strong networks among scholars and professionals from various countries and backgrounds. May the discussions during this seminar generate insights and partnerships that will contribute meaningfully to the advancement of science and to the realization of a healthier and more sustainable world.

With that, I wish you all a fruitful seminar and a pleasant exchange of knowledge.

Thank you very much.

