

VISIT OF DELEGATION OF MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE IV (AGRICULTURE)
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA TO NIAM,
JAIPUR



A delegation of Member of the Committee IV (Agriculture) of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia visited NIAM, Jaipur on 09-12-2011. The delegation comprised of 5 Hon'ble Members of House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia, Senior Officers of Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Indonesia and Senior Staff of Embassy of Indonesia and Experts associated with the Committee (Agriculture) of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia.

Dr. R.P. Meena, IAS, Director General, NIAM extended a warm and traditional welcome to each member of the delegation.

Dr. Kamal Mathur, Director (Trg. & PGDABM) made detailed presentation before the delegation through a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation gave insight into aspects such as Genesis of establishment of NIAM, its Governing Bodies, and its infrastructure. The presentation also highlighted India's front ranking achievement in agriculture products in the

World, the existing Marketing System in the country, the strategy and plan of the Government to bridge the gaps in the existing Agricultural Marketing System to make it more effective and remunerative to farmers. The role of NIAM in this process, its mandate of Training, Research, Consultancy, Education and Policy support was explained in detail.

Hon'ble Mr. Siswono Yudo Husodo, Member of Parliament of the Republic of Indonesia who was coordinating the delegation thanked Director General and his team for a detailed presentation on contemporary issues related to Agricultural Marketing. Hon'ble Mr. Siswono Yudo Husodo, Member of Parliament of the Republic of Indonesia explained that the purpose of the visit of the delegation was to obtain inputs from premier organizations in India including NIAM so that appropriate policy framework could be established by the Committee on issues like food policy etc., for the Republic of Indonesia. He opened the floor to Indonesian delegation for further questions and clarifications. Almost all the Members of Parliament of the Republic of Indonesia raised queries on issues related to food security, policy support, training to farmers and other stakeholders, contract farming, strengthening of agricultural marketing infrastructure etc.

The following areas were identified by the delegation where cooperation was sought from NIAM.

1. Training to various officers of Agriculture and related departments of Republic of Indonesia on Agricultural Marketing at NIAM.
2. Help of NIAM in designing and organizing training for farmers in Indonesia.
3. Nomination of students from Indonesia for Two-year Post-Graduate Diploma in Agri-Business Management programme being run by NIAM at its campus.

The Director General, NIAM assured the delegation all help from the Institute through the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India.