Indonesia bestowed IAEA/FAO outstanding achievement award

London (ANTARA News) - Indonesia garnered the Outstanding Achievement Award from the International Atomic Energy Agency, Food and Agriculture Organization (IAEA/FAO) for success in research and utilization of nuclear science and technology to breed food crops, noted an official.

Spokesman of the Indonesian Embassy in Vienna, Austria, Dody Kusumonegoro informed ANTARA News here on Thursday that the Radiation and Isotope Application Center at the Indonesian National Atomic Energy Agency (Batan) has successfully utilized nuclear science and technology to breed food crops, and therefore, it was entitled to the award.

Dody remarked that the award was conferred on Indonesian Ambassador to Austria Rachmat Budiman in the presence of Batan Chief Djarot Wisnubroto on the sidelines of the 58th annual regular session of the IAEA General Conference on September 22-26, 2014, in Vienna.

Budiman stated that through the technical cooperation with the IAEA, Indonesia has, since 2012, assisted numerous countries for capacity building in the application of nuclear technology in the fields of food, agriculture, health, and industry.

He noted that it was part of Indonesia's support for the program of International Peaceful Uses Initiative and the Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC).

The Indonesian ambassador to Austria emphasized that the Outstanding Achievement Award given to Indonesia from IAEA/FAO and the international recognition was expected to serve as a source of encouragement for Indonesian researchers to continue working towards the prosperity of the Indonesian people.

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