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BUMITAMA CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL ORANGUTAN DAY

Jakarta, 27 August 2018 – It has always been on our agenda to work with an environmental NGO, especially one that focuses on orangutan conservation in Central Kalimantan, whilst we have our joint activities with Yayasan Inisiasi Alam Rehabilitasi Indonesia (YIARI) in West Kalimantan. We are happy that our recent discussion with Orangutan Foundation UK had taken off with a good start, with Bumitama supplying truckloads of Empty Fruit Bunches (EFB) to be used in the rehabilitation of areas of Lamandau Wildlife Reserve, Central Kalimantan. Like in the plantation, the EFB will provide the much needed groundcover for the open areas left bare without any tree cover, preventing rapid water evaporation and soil and nutrient leeching, besides improving the overall soil quality with its nutrition.



It was with great enthusiasm that Bumitama continued to join forces with Orangutan Foundation UK to commemorate 19 August 2018 as the International Orangutan Day. For this special event we invited our students from the Bumitama Metro Manggao elementary school, which is preparing to be an “Adiwiyata Green School” (following the UN framework of Education for Sustainable Development implemented by Indonesia in 2006). During the ceremony, the students planted seedlings of indigenous tree species sourced from community gardens near one of our plantations, in the area of Danau Burung forest restoration site of Lamandau Wildlife Reserve. Such practical hands-on approach offers an invaluable experience for the students, forming their awareness of what it means to be “green”. This is a humble start but we hope that step-by-step we will be able to participate in similar programmes more frequently, across the regions we operate in.



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