Faculty of Forestry in partnership with Ehime University, Kapan Palm Studies, Sago Study Team of Hasanuddin University, CoT (Centre of Technology) and C-BEST JICA Project Hasanuddin University held an International Sago Symposium themed Local Initiatives in Sago Development for Food Security and Human Resilience: Transforming Knowledge to Action, Saturday (23/7).

The purpose of that activity is to formulate the platform for scientists and national governments to inform future development of sago. This international event is a continuation of a national seminar sago in Palopo (2/6) which involved several government institutions in Luwu and some
This event which held in Hotel Aryaduta, Makassar attended by Participant and presenter from inside and outside Indonesia, included The government of Makassar, the head of Luwu government, the representative of Ehime University, President of Japan Palm Studies, the head of Sago Study Team of Hasanuddin University, Director CoT (Center of Technology), C-BEST JICA Project Researcher Hasanuddin University, Vice governor of South Sulawesi, The representative of Rector Hasanuddin University, The head of Indonesia Sago Community, The representative of Rector Papua University, Rector of Andi Djemma University, President of the Japan Food Security, The representative of Rector Philippines University, The representative of Rector Nagoya University Japan, The representative of Myanmar, The representative of Haluoleo University, The representative of Rector Rikkyo University Japan, The representative of Mie University Japan, The representative of Tokyo University Japan, and the head of Japan consulate in Makassar.

Vice governor of South Sulawesi, Ir. H. Agus Arifin Nu'Mang, MS when delivered a speech on that event said that "We really appreciate this event, particularly to Unhas because of taking an initiative for future development of Sagu. we hope by the program agreed on this event we can truly socialize sago, so that sago can compete to another kind of food. Government supports the entire program to improve sago because it could be an alternative on food availability now and in the future, especially Sago is a well known as traditional food of South Sulawesi for a long time ago. Certainly, the cooperation of all parties is needed for Sago could actually be used as an alternative food sustaining food availability".

The participants of the event chaired by Prof. Yusran as the Dean of the Faculty of Forestry Unhas which is derived from BAPEDA, Department of Agriculture Kendari, NGO / Community Ambon of Maluku, a variety of students, faculty and alumni from each of the participating universities, journalists, and various business groups sago.

"Sago tends to be converted to another commodity, however there are lot of functions of Sago itself, they are as a medicine, source of foodstuffs, the balance of the ecosystem. Therefore, we need to take part as a leader to campaign sustainability and the development of Sago. Hopefully, lecturer and student could give real action through riset or community service," Said Prof. Yusran as a Head of Committee of this event, when interviewed in his own officeroom on (25/7).
Activities that involve many participants from various backgrounds of national institutions and international consist of various series of events in between the opening session, presentation of various things about sago by presenters are experts in their fields, a discussion session on the sidelines of the material percentage, reading the recommendations agreed outcome, dinner with stuffed discussion off with the invitation, and closing the event marked with a field trip to attraction love for the sea.