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### PT SJA HOLDS TRAINING FOR OIL PALM FARMERS

Poso - As many as 60 oil palm farmers in East Pamona Subdistrict and Pamona Tenggara Subdistrict, Central Sulawesi, participated in the oil palm cultivation training last Thursday.

The activity, which was held by the company PT **Sawit Jaya Abadi** (SJA) in Matuelemba Village, East Pamona District, aims to increase the insight and skills of oil palm farmers in the Pamona District area.

The oil palm farmer training held by PT SJA presented a speaker from a successful oil palm farmer from Mamuju, South Sulawesi, Agus Sofyan, who had been successful before moving to his profession as a palm oil farmer.

In this activity, a number of farmers held a question and answer session related to the processing of oil palm. This activity was also attended by the local government and the police.

In his presentation of the material, Agus said that oil palm plantations in Central Sulawesi are still less attractive to farmers who want to plant or cultivate oil palm. Even some farmers in Pamona don't know if the income of oil palm reaches six to seven million per month.

"So because the community's animosity is lacking, the company brought us in to encourage the farmers here," he said.

According to him, the processing of oil palm is done by cleaning and caring for and carrying out the fertilizer process properly, it will get a large income.

He also said, if seen from the perspective of the process of planting oil palm, it is very easy and easier than the production of cacao plants which have a long-term experience to get results.

Meanwhile, the head of the PT SJA project, Ketut Budi Astawa, said that the oil palm farmer training activity is one of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs so that the community and oil palm farmers can enrich themselves and feel prosperity with the presence of oil palm in the Pamona area.

"What is clear, the goal is in accordance with PT SJA's CSR program. So we hope that people can experience an increase in welfare with this oil palm commodity," he explained. (Metrosulawesi)

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