

**APPOINTING SEA GAME GYMNASTICS ATHLETE, DIRECTOR OF PETROKIMIA GRESIK
EMPHASIZES SPORTIVITY**

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President Director of Petrokimia Gresik, Dwi Satriyo Annurogo as the "Foster Father" of the Indonesian Gymnastics Association (Persani) East Java (East Java) appointing athletes and gymnastics coaches from East Java, which will compete in the 31st Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) 2022 Hanoi-Vietnam on 12 until May 23, 2022. This announcement took place in Gresik, East Java, earlier this week.

The composition of the team that will strengthen the Indonesian contingent for the gymnastics branch consists of four artistic gymnastics athletes and two trainers. Where, one of the athletes and coaches came from East Java, namely Dwi Samsul Arifin (male athlete) and Indra Sibarani (coach).

In front of athletes and coaches, Dwi Satriyo emphasized that East Java and Indonesia athletes must prioritize sportsmanship in matches. According to him, the struggle to win will be very meaningful, valuable, and perfect, when the victory achieved always upholds sportsmanship.

"I emphasize the existence of sportsmanship because the attitude of sportsmanship is an important part of a means of forming values and character. Apart from that, I also believe that sportsmanship is able to form athletes with healthy, tough personality qualities and noble morals," he said.

Especially now that the prestigious SEA Games has been attended by 11 countries in the Southeast Asia region including Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei Darussalam, Vietnam, Myanmar, the Philippines, Laos, Cambodia, and East Timor.

"I hope gymnastics athletes can appreciate diversity and be able to unite with fellow athletes representing Indonesia and be able to carry and maintain Indonesia's good name in Southeast Asia," he said.

Dwi Satriyo further explained that Petrokimia Gresik is committed to continuing to contribute to the sports sector in Indonesia. Petrokimia Gresik not only strives to produce high-quality and environmentally friendly products in the agro-industry sector but also plays a role in the development of sports in Indonesia.

"Petrokimia Gresik has had a high commitment to the advancement of sports in the country for many years. Some of Petrokimia Gresik's fostered sports include gymnastics, volleyball, and swimming. This commitment has been answered with proud achievements at the regional and national levels, even internationally," said Dwi Satriyo.

On the same occasion, Chair I/Chairman of the East Java Persani, Tri Widodo revealed that the Indonesian Ministry of Sports (Kemenpora) sent a limited number of athletes, who were selected based on the achievements of the 2019 SEA Games in the Philippines and the Papua National Sports Week (PON). the year 2020.

"Regarding the target, we hope that Dwi Samsul Arifin, who is the East Java Representative, will be able to win one gold in the ring instrument and one silver in the jumping table instrument," he said. For information, the achievements of Indonesian Gymnastics Sports at the Philippines SEA Games, namely 3 Gold, 6 Silver, and 2 Bronze. Petrokimia Gresik's coached gymnast athlete on behalf of Agus Adi Prayoko (tabletop jumper) won one gold in the 2019 match, then one silver (top ring) which was won by Dwi Samsul Arifin.

Speaking of preparation, Tri Widodo revealed that facing the Vietnam SEA Games was quite difficult due to the conditions during the Covid-19 pandemic, so there were no tryouts and trials. Nevertheless, he ensured that the Indonesian representative gymnastics athletes would give their best performance.

"Petrokimia Gresik's long-term training as the Foster Father since 1986 has proven that East Java gymnastics has continuously become a barn for athletes, contributing well and achieving Indonesia's name in international events and on this occasion," concluded Tri Widodo.

Meanwhile, athletes and trainers for gymnastics from East Java will join forces for final preparations in Jakarta on May 4, 2022. Meanwhile, the Indonesian contingent for Gymnastics will depart for Vietnam on May 10, 2022, and the gymnastics competitions will begin on May 13-16 2022.

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