

**EXPAND THE BENEFITS OF THE MAKMUR PROGRAM IN 2023, PETROKIMIA GRESIK
LAUNCHES "SANTRI MAKMUR" PROGRAM**

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Petrokimia Gresik, an Agro-industrial Solutions company and a holding member of the Pupuk Indonesia expanded the benefits of the Makmur program by launching the Pesantren Mitra Makmur or "Santri Makmur" program in the middle of the One Century anniversary of Nahdlatul Ulama (NU) "Nusantara Islamic Tradition Festival" in Banyuwangi, East Java, Monday (9/1) night. The launch was witnessed directly by the President of the Republic of Indonesia (RI), Joko Widodo; Chairman of PBNU K.H Yahya Cholil Staquf; Chairman of the NU Birthday Steering Committee (Harlah) as well as the Minister of SOEs of the Republic of Indonesia, Erick Thohir; and President Director of PT Pupuk Indonesia (Persero), Bakir Pasaman.

President Director of Petrokimia Gresik, Dwi Satriyo Annurogo said that, Santri Makmur is an initiation program from Petrokimia Gresik which is supported by Pupuk Indonesia and presented in order to make the Makmur Program of the Ministry of SOEs a success. Petrokimia Gresik, in this program will develop Human Resources (HR) students in the agricultural sector. They will be educated and trained to be accompanying staff in the Mitra Makmur Islamic Boarding School Program.

"The Makmur Program itself is a comprehensive mentoring program for farmers by involving agricultural stakeholders. The spirit of this program is to increase the income or welfare of farmers through increasing agricultural productivity. With the collaboration with islamic boarding schools, which will be packaged with the Mitra Makmur Islamic Boarding School Program, I believe that the implementation of the Makmur Program will be even more optimal, considering that the existence of Islamic boarding schools is also spread throughout the archipelago, so that the benefits of the Makmur Program will be even wider," said Dwi Satriyo.

Makmur is a program launched by the Ministry of SOEs in August 2021. Makmur is a program that creates a comprehensive agricultural ecosystem supported by state-owned enterprises, such as ID Food, Himbara, insurance SOEs, and so on. Starting from the provision of funds or business capital in synergy with banking institutions, insurance guarantees, fertilizer availability, and pest control, to off-takers. This program provides guarantees of productivity and welfare for farmers. In addition, it is also a commitment of Petrokimia Gresik to maintain national food security.

Santri Makmur's implementation will support the implementation of the Petrokimia Gresik Prosperous Program, this year the target mandated by Pupuk Indonesia is increasing, namely, 99,000 Hectares (Ha) when compared to the realization in 2022 of 98,591 Ha.

Santri Makmur will also fulfill the accompanying manpower of Taruna Makmur which in 2022 has been launched first by Petrokimia Gresik in collaboration with the Agricultural Development Polytechnic (Polbangtan). For this reason, Dwi Satriyo is optimistic that the target of the Petrokimia Gresik Prosperous Program in 2023 can be exceeded well.

"The more we collaborate, the benefits resulting from the implementation of the Makmur Program will also be wider. We must also be able to run the Makmur program, which we currently expand our understanding and contribution to the regeneration of agricultural fighters," said Dwi Satriyo.

In addition to optimizing the implementation of the Makmur Program, Santri Makmur and Taruna Makmur are also one of Petrokimia Gresik's efforts in encouraging the regeneration of farmers in the country.

As is known, Petrokimia Gresik will actively involve the younger generation in efforts to optimize the agricultural sector, one of which is through the Young Farmer Jamboree which is held every year, and this time through Santri Makmur and Taruna Makmur.

"Through this program, we invite the younger generation to see firsthand how great the potential of the agricultural sector is if it is managed optimally. This is expected to be a magnet for the younger generation to enter the agricultural sector," concluded Dwi Satriyo.

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