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### Full Cover Scholarship Bestro

# DEPUTY REGENT OF GRESIK : PETROKIMIA GRESIK GIVES A LOT OPPORTUNITY FOR EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT

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<u>Petrokimia Gresik</u> has provided many opportunities for the accomplished generation from underprivileged families in Gresik Regency to pursue a better education. This was conveyed by the Deputy Regent (Wabup) of Gresik, Aminatun Habibah at the "Welcoming Bestro" event in Gresik last weekend.

Until now, or for the decade since 2012, Petrokimia Gresik has provided full cover scholarships Bestro to 127 recipients for the undergraduate and 248 recipients for the High School or Diploma. From these, 84 people at the undergraduate level and 174 at the high school level have graduated from their education.

"The Gresik Regency Government does have a number of education improvement programs, but of course there are limitations in terms of the RREB (Regional Revenue and Expenditure Budget). Therefore, support from many companies is needed, such as the Bestro Petrokimia Gresik program," said the Deputy Regent.

Responding to this, Director of Operations & Production of Petrokimia Gresik, Digna Jatiningsih said that Petrokimia Gresik is committed to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities to develop education for the people of Gresik Regency. Bestro is structured as a program to support better access to education, especially for outstanding students and students around the company.

"Building superior human resources is Bestro's concern as the basis for creating a cadre of strong leaders in the future," said Digna.

In addition to assistance in the form of educational operational costs, Bestro also provides provisions for self-capacity improvement and soft skills enhancement for scholarship recipients. As in "Welcoming Bestro", participants receive soft skills regarding public speaking which are expected to be a provision for making future plans and better self-development.

Digna added, Bestro is not an official bond scholarship, so Bestro recipients are free to determine the desired career path, without closing the possibility of being able to participate in the selection of Petrokimia Gresik employees.

"Currently there are two engineers graduated from Bestro who have joined Petrokimia Gresik. There is no requirement, scholarship recipients have the freedom to determine their careers," said Digna.

Meanwhile, Bestro 2020 recipient, Syasqia Mita Putri Amaliyah admitted that she was very grateful to receive a scholarship from Petrokimia Gresik. She revealed that Bestro had eased the burden on her parents in financing his higher education.

"My parents' responsibility has become lighter. I can focus on studying at Universitas Brawijaya, majoring in Biology, because all my needs are fulfilled," said the merchant's daughter in the canteen of the University of Muhammadiyah Gresik.

For Bestro S1, the Single Tuition Fee (UKT) is adjusted to the university's provisions. Meanwhile, a monthly stipend of IDR 1,750,000 for students in East Java, Yogyakarta,

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Central Java and a monthly stipend of IDR 2,000,000 for students outside the three regions. Meanwhile, for Bestro High School, it is in the form of monthly operational assistance worth Rp. 750,000.

The same thing was conveyed by the 2019 Bestro recipient, Muhammad Arief Anugrahan. Through Bestro, he admitted that he had many opportunities to improve education and soft skills.

"Here I also have many friends from various majors. Thus, I can build a wider crossdepartmental network/connection," he said.

Because the opportunities provided by Petrokimia Gresik are limited, Digna also hopes that the Bestro recipients will be serious in pursuing their education and take advantage of this opportunity for self-development as well as possible.

"With good access to education, it is hoped that it can improve the quality of life so that later prosperity can be achieved," concluded Digna.

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