

**WORKING ON ORANGE COMMODITIES, PETROKIMIA GRESIK COOPERATE WITH
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY OF BATU CITY
IN AGRO SOLUTION PROGRAM**

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Petrokimia Gresik is an Agroindustry Solution company and a member of the Pupuk Indonesia holding company, is expanding the Agro Solution program collaboration with the Batu City Chamber of Commerce and Industry. This collaboration was marked by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and the orange first planting in demonstration plot of a 2,000 square meter in Batu, East Java, Monday (10/5).

President Director of Petrokimia Gresik, Dwi Satriyo Annurogo explained that Agro Solution Program is an initiation from [Pupuk Indonesia Holding Company \(Persero\)](#) which is aimed to increase the productivity of agriculture as well as improve farmers welfare. Therefore, Petrokimia Gresik continues to expand the reach of this program by working on various commodities, not limited to rice and corn.

"The more varied the commodities that are worked on in this program, the benefits of the Agro Solution program can be felt by more farmers," said Dwi Satriyo.

Furthermore, Dwi Satriyo revealed that, Batu City is chosen because it is one of orange producer center in East Java. Batu City was also chosen as the site for the construction of the Orange Agricultural Science Park which was inaugurated by the Indonesian Minister of Agriculture, Syahrul Yasin Limpo (SYL) some time ago. This proves that orange farming land in Batu City not only support agriculture sector, but also become a tourism place.

"Thus, the Agro Solution program will also encourage improvements in other sectors, in this case is tourism," said Dwi Satriyo.

Through this collaboration, Petrokimia Gresik with Batu City Chamber of Commerce and Industry were targeting the implementation of Agro Solution on 3.000 hectare land. In this collaboration, Petrokimia Gresik will provide cultivation assistance ranging from soil test car services, socialization of balanced fertilization, to the provision of quality non-subsidized fertilizers, as well as agronomic assistance starting with the Orange demonstration plot program.

"Through this demplot, Farmers will recognize the quality of non-subsidized fertilizer of Petrokimia Gresik, and can become a model which can be duplicated by local farmers," he said.

Previously, Petrokimia Gresik had also worked on rice, corn and sugar cane commodities in various regions through the Agro Solution program. This is a form of Petrokimia Gresik's support for national food security and improving farmers' welfare.

About Agro Solution

Agro Solution is a program that bring concept of agriculture business from upstream to downstream. This program aims to maintain national food security amid the Covid-19 pandemic by increasing agricultural productivity and farmer welfare.

In this program, Petrokimia Gresik is assigned to oversee agriculture on an area of 16,000 hectares, or 32% of the total target of Pupuk Indonesia Group of 50,000 hectares in 2021.

So far, farmers are still facing many obstacles in running their business. Among them are low agricultural productivity, unreachable prices for agro-input (fertilizers, pesticides, seeds and others), lack of access to financial institutions, selling prices for crops that tend to fall during harvest season, farmers are not protected from the risk of crop failure, limited infrastructure, as well as other obstacles.

Therefore, through this program, Petrokimia Gresik along with partners will do assistance intensively for farmers in running their business by giving guarantee for production facilities and marketing of agricultural products.

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