

**WELCOMING PLANTING SEASON,
PETROKIMIA GRESIK GAVE 50 TONS OF
PETROGANIK FERTILIZER FOR FARMERS IN MADIUN CITY**

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Petrokimia Gresik is Agroindustry Solutions Company and holding member of Pupuk Indonesia again provided fertilizer aid to farmers affected by Covid-19 in facing the growing season. At this time, non-subsidized Petroganik Organic Fertilizer was distributed to farmers in Madiun.

The aid was symbolically handed over by Marketing Director of Petrokimia Gresik, Digna Jatiningsih to the Mayor of Madiun, Madi at Tri Dharma Multipurpose Building of Petrokimia Gresik, Thursday (18/6).

Digna explained that this fertilizer aid was aimed for welcoming the planting season, remembering farmers in some region such as Madiun will start the planting season on this June.

This aid was an effort to motivate farmers who affected Covid-19, so they can continue to increase plant productivity in order to maintain national food security.

“With high productivity, the welfare of farmers also increased. As we already know, that this pandemic disturbing economy sector in Indonesia, including the farmers,” explained Digna.

Digna said that Petroganik had been developed by Petrokimia Gresik since 2004, as a response to the results of Bogor Soil and Agro-climate Research Center (2003) which mentioned that most agriculture land in Indonesia contains C-Organic levels below 2%. Even though healthy soils must contain a minimum of 5% C-Organic content. While Petroganik contains a minimum of 15% C-Organic content, according to the Agriculture Minister Regulation standard No 1 of 2019 and SNI No 7763 of 2018, so it can improve the physical, chemical, and soil structure.

Beside that, Petroganik is also used as a campaign tool to show that Petrokimia Gresik has a role to be Agroindustry Solution for farmers, as well as be a part of education program for farmers to do the balance fertilization recommendation.

The pattern of balance fertilizer recommendation from Petrokimia Gresik is 5:3:2, the details are Petroganik (500 kg), NPK Phonska (300 kg), and Urea (200 kg) for one hectare of paddy land.

“This balance fertilization is combining between organic fertilizer which has function to improve the soil fertility and non-organic fertilizer as the provider of plant nutrients,” explained Digna.

Digna invite all parties to support the implementation of organic fertilizer and balance fertilization for protecting the environment while preserving nature for sustainable agriculture in Indonesia.

“Hopefully this aid can be usefull and give contribution in effort to maintain national food security, also help to bring back the welfare of farmers who affected by Covid-19,” said Digna.

Mayor of Madiun, Maldi in his speech stated the truth that Covid-19 affected the economy sector, so the government provided some aid to ease the burden on the community. Rice from farmers in Madiun City was given as aid for local community.

Therefore, he represented the farmers to express their gratitude for Petrokimia Gresik aid, because this aid was not only beneficial for farmers, but also for the people who receive rice from the farmers.

“I wish this synergy can be improved. We are ready to collaborate to test the new innovative products with agriculture in Madiun City, ”he said.

Meanwhile, this aid complements the previous aid program, where Petrokimia Gresik also provided 50 tons of Petroganik fertilizer to farmers in Mojokerto City some time ago. In addition, Petrokimia Gresik also provided support to the Bungo District Government program by providing 25 tons of NPK Phonska Plus fertilizer, and the North Sumatra Provincial Government aid program by preparing 417 tons of NPK Phonska Plus.

At the same chance Digna also handed over Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for 21 villages in Kebomas Sub-district, Gresik District, Kebomas Police Station, also Moncek and Saronggi Public Health Center in Sumenep District.

The PPE given was in the form of mask, nitrile gloves, isolation coverall, boots, face shield, and helmet, non-sterile handscoon, plastic apron, and goggles. Beside that Petrokimia Gresik also giving Covid-19 prevention tool in the form of hand sanitizer.

In this occassion, Digna urged the farmers again for always notice with the protocol of Covid-19 prevention contagion, so that activities in the upstream agriculture sector will continue to run smoothly.

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