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PETROKIMIA GRESIK HOSPITAL RECEIVE AID FOR HANDLING COVID-19 FROM SOES MINISTRY

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Petrokimia Gresik Hospital together with other State-Owned Enterprises (SOE) hospitals in East Java received aid in handling Covid-19 from the SOEs Ministry through the East Java Provincial Government.

Symbolically, aid was handed over by SOE Minister Erick Thohir to East Java Governor, Khofifah Indar Parawansa at Grahadi Building Surabaya, Sunday (5/7). It was also witnessed the Coordinating Minister Political, Legal, and Security Affairs Prof. Mohammad Mahfud MD, East Java Deputy Governor Emil Dardak, and Director of the SOE Hospital in East Java.

The aid provided was 10 thousand units of PPE, 100 thousand pieces of surgical masks, and 100 thousand tablets of Avigan, which is a Japanese-made antivirus medicine that works by blocking the ability of the virus to develop in cells. Currently Avigan is still becoming the one medicine which proved help the patient heal clinically from Covid-19.

SOE Minister, Erick Thohir explained that this aid was given as a form of central government support to the East Java Provincial Government to accelerate the handling of Covid-19 in East Java. According to him, East Java need special attention, refer to the increasing number of cases. Based on data from the East Java Provincial Government, the number of positive cases on July 5, 2020 reached 13,997, so it making East Java the region with the most cases in Indonesia today.

In her speech, East Java Governor Khofifah expressed her appreciation for the attention from the Ministry of SOEs, which for the second time had provided aid to the East Java Provincial Government. According to her, this is a form of synergy of all national strategic elements in accelerating the handling of Covid-19, especially in East Java.

"Hopefully the presence of the Minister of SOE and Coordinating Minister of Political, Legal, and Security Affairs will be able to make peace, love and strength for health workers and the entire community of East Java amid of this situation," he said.

Meanwhile, President Director of PT Petro Graha Medika (PGM) dr. Retno Hartini, as the manager of RSPG revealed, this aid was in line with the East Java Provincial Government's plan to put in Petrokimia Gresik Hospital in the list of provincial-level Covid-19 referral hospitals, delivered by Deputy Governor Emil during a visit to Petrokimia Gresik Hospital some time ago.

This is done because considering the addition of positive patients with Covid-19 is still high every day, while a number of referral hospitals in East Java are full. So that it takes additional health facilities for the handling of Covid-19 patients.

"For this reason, we are currently preparing additional treatment capacity for Covid-19 patients above the 50 percent from total the number of bed," She said.

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Provincial Government Appreciated the Synergy of PG Group

Besides delivering the plan, during his visit to Petrokimia Gresik Hospital, Friday (3/7), East Java Deputy Governor, Emil appreciated the synergy of PGM and Petrokimia Gresik as Coordinator of the Covid-19 Task Force for East Java SOEs in a joint effort to handle the Covid-19 case both in Gresik and East Java.

Emil hopes that all parties will continue to maintain their enthusiasm in combating Covid-19 until the pandemic really ends.

On the same occasion, Director of Finance, HR & General Affairs of Petrokimia Gresik, Dwi Ary Purnomo, also expressed his appreciation to PGM who helped Petrokimia Gresik in carrying out their duties as Coordinator of East Java SOEs Task Force Response Covid-19.

Dwi explained that until June, the East Java SOEs Task Force Response to Covid-19 had distributed a total of Rp34.88 billion in aid through various parties and to various of community elements.

"Of the total aid, as much as Rp24.4 billion or 70 percent is contributed by Petrokimia Gresik, and the remaining 30 percent is from other SOEs," he added.

The aid consists of medicines, medical devices or PPE, food packages, and other aid distributed to referral hospitals, health centers, district/city governments, provincial governments and other agencies/institutions, and handed over directly to the people of East Java.

Although 33 of the 35 East Java SOEs Task Force Posts were closed on 30 June, Dwi ensured that Petrokimia Gresik remained committed and ready to assist the central and regional governments to jointly combat Covid-19 until the pandemic ends.

"Hopefully what we have done can contribute to help accelerate the handling of Covid-19 in East Java. In the future we will continue to improve this effort, "Dwi concluded.

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