

**RAHMAD PRIBADI : PETROKIMIA GRESIK SUPPORT
THE VIRUS DETECTION RESEARCH CAUSE OF COVID-19**

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Event : Handover of Research Funds for SARS-CoV2 Detection in the Covid-19 Inpatient Room at Dr. Soetomo Surabaya Regional Hospital.

Petrokimia Gresik is Agroindustry Solutions Company and holding member of Pupuk Indonesia support SARS-CoV-2 virus detection research (cause Covid-19) at dr. Soetomo Regional Hospital, Surabaya. The support is in the form of research fund as much as Rp163 million which was handed over symbolicaly in Gresik, Thursday (30/7).

President Director of Petrokimia Gresik, Rahmad Pribadi explained that this research is very important considering dr. Soetomo Regional Hospital of Surabaya is a provincial Covid-19 referral hospital. Where based on data from the Provincial Government of East Java, until Saturday (1/8) the total number of positive confirmation cases in East Java was 22,324 or the highest in National scope. So that the risk of contagion in districts/cities of East Java is also still high.

This research will be carried out by a team from the Department of Clinical Microbiology at Airlangga University led by Dr. Eko Budi Koendhori, dr., MKes., SpMK (K). The aim is to detect SARS-CoV-2 virus contamination in various locations both air and surface in the Covid-19 inpatient room of dr. Soetomo Regional Hospital, Surabaya. Thus, preventive measures taken can be more optimal while providing security for medical personnel in providing services in the area of dr. Soetomo Hospital.

"So indirectly, aid for this research is also our effort to protect medical personnel from the dangers of Covid-19 spread," Rahmad said.

He hopes that the results of this study could be applied or become a reference for other referral hospitals, both in East Java and in other provinces in Indonesia. Remembering that dozens of medical personnel had died due to infected to the virus after handling Covid-19 patients.

This aid is completing the series of Petrokimia Gresik's support for the acceleration of the Covid-19 handler, particularly in the field of research. Petrokimia Gresik had distributed aid in the form of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), medicines, hand sanitizers, and disinfectants to prevent contagion, as well as basic food needs to the community.

"Research is the source of all solutions, so we strongly support research efforts in the context of overcoming Covid-19," said Rahmad.

Meanwhile, on the same occasion, Petrokimia Gresik also handed over the acceleration of handling of Covid-19 in the form of isolation transport and Swab Kit + VTM to dr. Soetomo Regional Hospital, Ibnu Sina Regional Hospital, Gresik Regency, and Airlangga University Hospital, Surabaya. Swab Kit + VTM aid was also given to the Gresik District Government Health Service.



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