

**ENTERING SEASON PLANTING
PRESIDENT DIRECTOR OF PETROKIMIA GRESIK REVIEW
THE WAREHOUSES AND KIOSKS READINESS**

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President Director of Petrokimia Gresik, an Agroindustry Solution company member of the Pupuk Indonesia holding company, Dwi Satriyo Annurogo along with his parties were Reviewing official warehouses and kiosks in Central Java (Central Java), namely Boyolali Regency and Surakarta City, Wednesday (14/10), and Sukoharjo Regency and Klaten, Thursday (15/10).

"This time visit is in order to ensure the readiness of warehouses and kiosks in the face of October - March planting season (Ocmar)," said Dwi Satriyo.

Based on data from the Central Statistics Agency in 2019, Central Java is the largest national rice producing area, beating East Java and West Java. The harvested area in Central Java reaches 1,678,479 hectares (ha) and produces 9.7 million tonnes of milled dry grain (GKG) or equivalent with 5.5 million tonnes of rice. Several districts in the former Surakarta residency are even known as the golden area of producing rice, due to the high productivity of the rice produced.

"Central Java must get extra control when facing the second planting season in 2020, especially since this planting season takes place in the midst of the Covid-19 outbreak," said Dwi Satriyo.

Dwi Satriyo conveyed that as of today, Thursday (15/10) the national stock of subsidized fertilizer from Petrokimia Gresik is 646.079 tons, exceeding from the government's minimum requirement (172.288 tons). The stock consists of 74.215 tons of Urea, 73.224 tons of ZA, 117.549 tons of SP-36, 297.550 tons of Phonska, and 83.541 tons of Petroganik.

From all of the total stock, Central Java Province is 59.912 tons, with details are ZA 6.132 tons, SP-36 9.209 tons, NPK Phonska 35.839 tons and Petroganik 8.732 tons (especially for Urea fertilizer distribution for Central Java province, it is the responsibility of PT Pupuk Sriwijaya).

"The obligation of Petrokimia Gresik is to provide and distribute subsidized fertilizers according to the government's assignment to maintain national food security," said Dwi Satriyo.

To ensure distribution to the regions, Petrokimia Gresik has 77 Regional Sales Staff (RSS) spread across various regions in Indonesia. They regularly coordinate with the Agriculture Office, Field Extension Officers (PPL), the Fertilizer and Pesticide Supervision Commission, farmer groups, and local authorities.

"In its distribution, the company adheres to the 6 right principles, namely Right Price, Right Place, Right Amount, Right Quality, Right Type, and Right Time," he explained.

Exploring Farmer Aspirations

Dwi Satriyo explained that the spread of agricultural potential in Central Java is complete in all agricultural sub-sectors, from food crops, horticulture, plantations, livestock, fisheries and forestry. For this reason, the visit in Central Java is also a medium for Petrokimia Gresik to explore the aspirations of farmers and regional leaders of each region.

"We are also conducting direct audiences with farmers as well as local regents/mayors to explore agricultural needs and problems there, so that Petrokimia Gresik can provide targeted solutions for all the needs in the agro-industrial sector," he said.

Moreover, referring to the Central Statistics Agency of National Labor Force survey in February 2020, it was stated that around 26.06 percent of the population of productive age in Central Java worked in the agricultural sector. Human Resources (HR) is a great energy in supporting the future of agriculture in Indonesia.

"For this reason, this potential must receive support from stakeholders so that it can be managed properly in order to maintain advance agricultural in the country," he said.

Dwi Satriyo emphasized that Petrokimia Gresik is always ready to support both central and regional governments, in maintaining national food security, by presenting comprehensive agricultural controls, ranging from quality fertilizers, pest control, to agricultural consultations through soil test car services that have been spread throughout 8 provinces in Indonesia.

"Thus, it is hoped that agricultural productivity will continue to increase, so that it can boost the welfare of farmers while maintaining national food security," concluded Dwi Satriyo.

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