

The 47th Anniversary of PT Petrokimia Gresik
THIS IS HOPE OF LOCAL RESIDENTS

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Yesterday PT Petrokimia Gresik (PG) celebrated its 47 years of age. Almost half a century PG had been present to the country, supervised and supported the government in realizing national food security through subsidized fertilizer provision for all farmers in Indonesia.

At its first development, PG only had two factories with a production capacity of 39 thousand tons/year, now it has transformed into the largest and the biggest producer of fertilizers and chemicals in Indonesia with 31 factories and total production capacity reaching 8.9 million tons/year.

Moreover, PG continues to strive in its transformation into an agro-industry solution company. PG is more than serious in penetrating the commercial market by producing non-subsidized fertilizer products such as Phonska Plus, Petro Nitrat, Petro Niphos and various other development products.

Even, PG is also able to contribute in increasing the country's foreign exchange by exporting fertilizer and non-fertilizer products to a number of countries on various continents. Of course by not ignoring its obligation to meet the needs of subsidized fertilizer in the country.

PG Corporate Secretary, Yusuf Wibisono stated that the success of PG could not be realized only through the hardwork of its employees, but also through the support and prayers from local community.

"Therefore, PG is committed to continue to grow and develop with the community, one of the ways is through various Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programmes that aim to increase the capability and welfare of local citizens", Yusuf said.

During the 47th PG anniversary in this year, number of residents appreciated the existence of PG as well as its positive benefits, and conveyed their hope in the future. One of them was M. Zubaidi (26), resident of Mudu Village, Gresik Subdistrict. According to him, PG has given a lot of benefits for residents of Mudu Village, despite of some points were to be improved.

"Our most important hope is to improve human resources capacity of Lumpur Village residents. Besides, to print entrepreneurship for millennial youths through training and soft capital loans for businesses rather than making them as employees", he said.

Zubaidi also hoped for PG to provide help in greening their area around the factory through hanging gardens. If those are realized, it is possible that the area of Lumpur Village will be known as edu-ecotourism, as well as increasingly improve the economy of local people.

Meanwhile, Indah Permata Sari (32), a resident of Ngipik Village, Gresik Subdistrict, who was also PKK activist stated that PG's support had been very good. Even the benefits were still continuing to advantage Ngipik Village people, especially PKK activists, until now.

"One of Petrokimia Gresik programmes which is still very benefiting is training and coaching to make instant drinks from rosella flowers. At the beginning of the training process, it is not immediately giving benefit, it needs process, but now we can produce it by ourselves and making our own market", she explained.

Although some of the local residents are independent, Indah still hopes that PG will remain to give attention to the people of Ngipik Village.

"Hopefully, Petrokimia Gresik will be more moving forward, and its support given to local residents will be increased, especially training programs and community empowerment, so residents will not depend on looking for jobs, but on the contrary, they can be independent by creating their own jobs", Indah said.

The Head of Roomo Village, Manyar Subdistrict, Rusdiyanto stated, the history of his village development could not be separated from PG existence. The reason was that PG CSR programmes had been very good, right on target. In fact, the executing teams could build togetherness, one of them was through communication of stakeholders, both directly and indirectly.

"We acknowledge the Petrokimia Gresik CSR supports, in the form of infrastructure development, community empowerment and human resources improvement have been very useful to Roomo residents. Hopefully, at the age of 47th in this year, Petrokimia Gresik will be more prosperous, so they can provide greater benefits for surrounding community", he said.

Rusdiyanto explained, eventhough PG factories were very close to the area of Roomo Village, those did not disturb the security of surrounding community, on the contrary, the residents were participating in maintaining the sustainability of PG's operations.

"It can be said that our residents have become part of Petrokimia Gresik operations. Since, to support Petrokimia Gresik development, what we can do is to maintain the security of conditions around the plants, so that Petrokimia Gresik factories can operate flawslessly", he concluded.

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