

**Help People Towards Eid Al-Fitr
PETROKIMIA GRESIK HANDOVER 12 THOUSAND RICE PACKAGE THROUGH EAST
JAVA PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT**

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Event : The hand over of rice package aid to the Government of East Java Province.

As the coordinator of East Java SOE Task Force Response to Covid-19, Petrokimia Gresik is Agroindustry Solutions company and holding member of Pupuk Indonesia giving aid again in the form of 12.000 rice packages for East Java people and 2 (two) isolation transports to Dr. Soetomo Regional Public Hospital.

Symbolically, the aid was handed over by the Director of Petrokimia Gresik, Rahmad Pribadi to the Chief Executive of the Regional Disaster Management Agency of East Java Provincial Government, Suban Wahyudiono and witnessed by the Governor of East Java, Khofifah Indar Parawansa in Grahadi Building Surabaya, Tuesday (19/5).

Rahmad explained that SOE Minister, Erick Thohir had instructed SOEs to proactively and seriously assist the government in protecting the public from the spread of Covid-19, as well as mitigating its impact in various aspects.

"For this reason, in addition to providing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) aid for medical personnel, Petrokimia Gresik along with the East Java SOE Task Force Response Covid-19 also provided rice and food packages to the East Java people," Rahmad said.

This aid is important to remember that welcoming Eid Al-Fitr, the people needs is higher, but on the other hand. Large-scale Social Restrictions in Gresik, Surabaya and Sidoarjo were extended until 25 May 2020, so that people economical activities were restricted to prevent Covid-19 contagion.

"Hopefully this aid can ease the burden on unlucky people in East Java who are economically affected by this pandemic," Rahmad said.

Besides food packages, the two transport isolations for Dr. Soetomo Regional Hospital were also handed over by Petrokimia Gresik through the East Java Provincial Government. This isolation transport is one of the vital units in handling positive patients with Covid-19, to prevent corona virus contagion to medical personnel, besides PPE.

Rahmad explained that this became very important considering that medical personnel were the frontline in handling Covid-19 patients, and positive cases of Covid-19 in East Java continued to increase every day. Based on data from East Java Provincial Government, confirmed cases up to Tuesday night reached 2,372 or the second largest in Indonesia after DKI Jakarta.

"We must protect medical personnel together, considering that dozens of them have died after handling the Covid-19 case," said Rahmad.

This activity complements the aid provided by Petrokimia Gresik through the East Java Provincial Government. Previously, Petrokimia Gresik along with other Task Force members distributed PPE which contain of medical masks, N95 masks, nitrile gloves, protective clothing, boots, face shields, non-sterile hand scoons, and plastic aprons.

"We have distributed PPE aid to Dr. Soetomo Hospital some time ago, but the symbolic handover was accompanied by this rice package and transport isolation," Rahmad said.

The Aid Touch Central Java and West Java

Previously, Petrokimia Gresik also distributed aid to several other areas in East Java, West Java (West Java) and Central Java (Central Java), including 1,000 food packages for the Gresik Regency Government, 60 tons of rice for communities around the company, 7 (seven) tons of rice for the people of Nganjuk Regency, Ponorogo Regency, Regency and Mojokerto City, as well as assistance for 28 orphanage foundations in Gresik.

In addition, for Central Java, aid of 7 (seven) tons of rice was given to Pati Regency residents and 18 tons of rice to Temanggung Regency residents. While in the West Java region, Petrokimia Gresik donated 4 (four) tons of rice to the people of Tasikmalaya Regency and 6 (six) tons of rice to Garut Regency residents.

Some of these aids symbolically were handed over at East Java SOE Task Force Response Covid-19 Post, at Tri Dharma Building Petrokimia Gresik, Monday (18/5).

Rahmad hopes that all aid which is provided by Petrokimia Gresik and East Java SOE Task Force Response Covid-19 for the community and medical staff can be beneficial and contribute in helping the government break the Covid-19 contagion chain.

"We will continue to improve this commitment and synergy to help regional and national government to break the chain of Covid-19 contagion," Rahmad said.

On the same occasion, Rahmad also appealed to the public not to go back to hometown or *mudik*, considering that this was the last week of Ramadan.

"We must protect the family in our hometown from Covid-19 contagion by not going home during Eid. This requires awareness and joint contribution," concluded Rahmad.

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