

**RAHMAD PRIBADI : PETROKIMIA GRESIK EXPANDS  
SERVICE RANGE OF SOIL TESTING CARS FOR FARMERS**

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Petrokimia Gresik is Agroindustry Solutions company and holding member of Pupuk Indonesia continues to improve services to increase agricultural productivity in various regions in order to improve farmer welfare.

President Director of Petrokimia Gresik, Rahmad Pribadi conveyed that this effort is done by adding the service of soil testing cars that has been operate since 2015 in any regions, from 4 (four) units and now there are 15 units.

"The are a lot of farmers face difficulties in checking the soil content because no have the tools, Therefore we added 11 units of Soil Testing Cars so that the range is even wider," said Rahmad.

The fifteen Soil Testing Cars are operated in 15 regions from 8 provinces, namely Madiun (East Java), Jember (East Java), Gresik (East Java), Purwokerto (Central Java), Magelang (Central Java), Semarang (Central Java), Indramayu and West Bandung (West Java), Lombok and Sumbawa (West Southeast Nusa), Banjarmasin (South Kalimantan), Bandar Lampung (Lampung), Makassar (South Sulawesi), and Tanah Karo (North Sumatera).

"These cars are allocated for those 15 regions, but there is possibility that it will serve other surrounding region," explained Rahmad

The Soil Testing Car Service itself serves to test the level of soil fertility and provides free agricultural consultations. Farmers only need to bring soil samples from their agricultural land, then in a short time they can find out the soil content and get the right fertilizer recommendation.

"So far, farmers find it difficult to choose the type of fertilizer and dosage to be used. The presence of this service will provide a solution to these problems," said Rahmad.

In addition, the Soil Testing Car is also a medium for Petrokimia Gresik in educating farmers to apply a balanced fertilization pattern for the realization of sustainable agriculture.

"With right and balanced fertilization dosage, then the fertilizer use will be more efficient and the productivity become more optimal, so that the welfare of farmers can improve too," add Rahmad.

He added that the presence of the Soil Testing Car was also part of Petrokimia Gresik's steps to support the national food security program. Where the availability of food during this outbreak is a top priority.

Apart from the Soil Testing Car, another effort the company had made in providing optimal services for farmers was by presenting Agricultural Clinics in some areas. Through this Agricultural Clinic, farmers can also carry out fertilization and pest control consultations.

"This Soil Testing Car and Agricultural Clinic are Petrokimia Gresik's efforts to provide comprehensive agricultural control to remote areas of the country, to increase agricultural productivity as well as improve soil conditions in order to achieve sustainable agriculture," Rahmad concluded.

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