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**RAHMAD PRIBADI: PETROKIMIA GRESIK  
EXPANDS RESEARCH AREA**

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To coincide with the 75th Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Indonesia (RI), Petrokimia Gresik, an Agroindustry Solutions company, a member of Pupuk Indonesia holding, inaugurated the expansion of the 1.4 hectare Research Product Application Test Area in the Petrokimia Gresik Experimental Garden complex, Monday ( 17/8).

The President Director of Petrokimia Gresik Rahmad Pribadi stated that this was a manifestation of the implementation of the company's spirit of nationalism. The expansion of this research area shows the direction of Petrokimia Gresik development as a research-based company to produce products and services for agroindustry solutions for sustainable agriculture.

"If we can present a solution for each of these challenges or problems, of course this will support the realization of national food security, sustainable agriculture, and the nation's competitiveness," said Rahmad.

Thus, Rahmad said that the area of Petrokimia Gresik research and experimental garden currently reaches around 7.5 hectares, consisting of 5 hectares of experimental gardens and 2.5 hectares of office areas, eight laboratory units, and a some of development product mini plants.

In addition, the expansion of this research area is also in line with one of the keys to the success of Petrokimia Gresik Business Transformation, namely generating new ideas to enrich product diversification in order to become a market leader and dominant player in the national agroindustry domain.

The new facilities in this area are a greenhouse, two units of screen house, a fish pond (ornamental and consumption), hydroponic farming (with vertical systems, floating rafts, aquaponic, and Dutch buckets), livestock areas (rabbits and turkeys), plant food areas (paddy) which consists of three types (Basmati rice, swamp rice, Japonica rice), horticultural crop areas (tomatoes, eggplant, cabbage, spinach, mustard greens, and lettuce), fruit crop areas (guava, orange, nutmeg, durian, srikaya, and so on).

"We want to increase our capabilities and expand our capacity in research and development of agricultural cultivation technology," said Rahmad.

Thus, the expansion of this research area can also be a medium for agroecotourism for the surrounding community. Where visitors can enjoy the garden atmosphere in the middle of a dense industrial city, as well as get education about agricultural cultivation.

In addition, the community can also get new experiences (new customer experience), and gain first-hand knowledge about raising poultry, ruminants, and fish. Visitors can also feel the sensation of picking fresh fruit or vegetables directly.

"All these commodities, both plants and livestock, are cultivated using the superior product of Petrokimia Gresik," said Rahmad.

The area is also equipped with a Petromart agricultural outlet, which is an outlet where visitors can not only find out about Petrokimia Gresik excellent products, but also get consultation and solution services related to agricultural cultivation activities.

"In the end, this program can increase people's interest for the world of agriculture which is the nation's identity as an agricultural country," said Rahmad.

Furthermore, Rahmad added, the spirit of company nationalism in this project was also implemented through the establishment of "Mustikarasa Cafe and Resto". This place is a form of appreciation from Petrokimia Gresik to the Proclamator of Independence of the Republic of Indonesia, where the name "Mustikarasa" itself is taken from the book title of the first President of the Republic of Indonesia, Ir. Soekarno or Bung Karno.

Mustikarasa book contains recipes from various regions in Indonesia. This book was born on the idea of Bung Karno, who is also a food lover, to collect recipes from Indonesia's rich heritage. Mustikarasa Cafe and Resto will serve a menu from Bung Karno's heritage recipes cooked using healthy and fresh ingredients, and grown in this research area.

"Bung Karno feels that food is an important issue for the Indonesian nation which is the basis for national food security politics. Of course we know his quote that the Food Problem is the Life of the Nation. Petrokimia Gresik as a state company is ready to make it happen," Rahmad concluded.

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