



PRESS RELEASE

Asian Agri and Tanoto Foundation Donates PPE for Health Workers in North Sumatra

Medan, 28 April 2020 – [Tanoto Foundation \(TF\)](#) and Asian Agri donated personal protective equipment (PPE) to the Coronavirus Disease Mitigation Acceleration Task Force. The PPEs were received today by Deputy Governor of North Sumatra, H. Musa Rajekshah at the task force's post in Medan, North Sumatra, Indonesia.

The donation package given by Hadi Susanto, Head of Asian Agri's Common Services , who was accompanied by Ariston Noverry Fau, Head of Asian Agri's SSL, demonstrated the commitment of Tanoto Foundation (TF) and RGE to support Indonesian health workers who are fighting COVID-19.

Witnessed by several officials from the Government (Forkopinda) of North Sumatra Province, Hadi Susanto gave the donation consisting of 500 protective suits for health workers, 10,000 medical masks, 100 units of N95 masks, 10,000 pairs of gloves, and 50 pairs of surgical goggles.



"By providing PPE to protect frontline health workers, we hope that our Indonesian heroes, our health workers who are leading the fight against COVID-19, can work optimally to treat patients while protecting themselves from infection risks," said Hadi.

During the ceremony, the Deputy Governor of North Sumatra expressed his appreciation for the company's assistance. Musa said, "Thank you for the PPE donation from Asian Agri. We hope that this initiative will also be followed by other entrepreneurs so that we can stop the COVID-19 outbreak."

In addition, Hadi shared that the distribution of PPEs will be extended to the Regional Government as well as to several hospitals in Asian Agri's operational area. "In North Sumatra, we will distribute 80,000 masks, 8,400 protective suits for health workers, 250 ICU protective clothing, 85,000 pairs of gloves, and 265 pairs of surgical goggles."

Tanoto Foundation and RGE group which includes Asian Agri, has been distributing PPEs to COVID-19 designated hospitals. To date, TF and RGE group has donated 1 million masks, 1 million gloves, 3,000 pairs of surgical goggles and 100,000 ICU and non-ICU protective suits in support of the fight against COVID-19 in Indonesia.

About Asian Agri:

Asian Agri is one of Indonesia's largest palm oil producers since 1979. Today, the company manages 100,000 hectares of land and employs over 25,000 people. A pioneer of the Indonesian government's Trans-National Government Migration (PIR-Trans) program, Asian Agri works with 30,000 plasma smallholders in Riau and Jambi who operate 60,000 hectares of palm oil plantations, as well as independent smallholders, bringing about positive impact on their quality of life and economic development.

Implementing a strict "no burn" policy and best practices in sustainable plantation management, Asian Agri has helped its smallholder partners improve productivity, yield and supply chain traceability, while assisting them obtain certifications. The company's mills are technologically advanced and energy self-sufficient, minimizing greenhouse gas emissions.

Asian Agri is a member of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO). More than 86% of both owned plantations in North Sumatra, Riau & Jambi provinces and 100% of scheme smallholder plantations in Riau & Jambi provinces have been RSPO certified. All plantations, including those owned by smallholders, have been certified by ISCC (International Sustainability & Carbon Certification). The company has also been 100% ISPO (Indonesian Sustainable Palm Oil) certified.

The company's operations are ISO 14001 certified, while its Learning Institute and nursery research center in Riau province, Indonesia are both ISO 9001 certified. Asian Agri's R&D Center in North Sumatra was also given a certification by the International Plant-Analytical Exchange at the WEPAL lab at Wageningen University in The Netherlands, for its high standards.

About Tanoto Foundation

Tanoto Foundation is an independent philanthropic organization founded by Sukanto Tanoto and Tinah Bingei Tanoto based on the belief that every person should have the opportunity to realize his or her full potential.

Tanoto Foundation programs stem from the belief that quality education accelerates equal opportunity. We harness the transformative strength of education to realize people's full potential and improve lives. Tanoto Foundation focuses on making an impact in three areas: improving learning environments, future leaders development, as well as medical research and sciences.

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