

Media Update

Freeport Indonesia & the Diocese of Timika Provide Carpentry Skills Training for Kamoro Youth

TIMIKA, November 16, 2024 – PT Freeport Indonesia (PTFI), together with the Diocese of Timika through the Maria Bintang Laut Cooperative (KMBL), provided carpentry skills training to 20 Kamoro youths from assisted villages in the South Coast region of Mimika Regency.

These youths come from Nayaro, Nawaripi, Koperapoka, Ayuka, and Tipuka. The training took place over 10 days from November 5-15 at the Diocese of Timika Complex, Central Papua.

"Basic Construction skills are one of the fundamental capabilities needed to support the acceleration of development and economic improvement of residents. Freeport is training young people from five assisted villages so they have basic carpentry skills," said Senior Vice President (SVP) of Sustainable Development PTFI, Nathan Kum.

Nathan said this training is the second session of 2024, with the first session having taken place last July. Carpenter instructors from PTFI's Nemangkawi Mining Institute (IPN) served as facilitators and taught various basic skills such as carpentry, electrical repairs, and making building cement mixtures.

"PTFI together with the Diocese of Timika strongly supports Kamoro youth from five assisted villages to improve their carpentry skills. It is hoped that after participating in this training, the participants can continue to practice the knowledge gained," he said.



One of the Kamoro youths representing the training participants experienced direct benefits from the knowledge received. "This Carpenter training activity really helps us, adds to our knowledge. From what we didn't know, we now know how to build houses. Thank you to the Nemangkawi Mining Institute for providing theoretical and practical training," said Kelik Utauru, a training participant from Tipuka village.

Kelik explained that in the carpentry skills training, he received classroom theory and daily field practice. "This includes being taught how to install building frame iron and how to attach ceramics to walls, which we initially didn't know (how to do). Maybe at home we can buy ceramics and install them ourselves. This is very helpful," he said.

The Chairman of Maria Bintang Laut Cooperative (KMBL) Benjamin Meo, who is also a representative of the Diocese of Timika, hopes that through this training, Kamoro youth can build their villages without having to seek experts from outside the village or even outside Papua.

Nathan added that Freeport Indonesia continues its commitment to promoting community empowerment by improving the skills of residents living around the mining operations area for greater prosperity in the future.

PHOTO	DESCRIPTION
	<p>IPN Carpenter Instructor Danang Tegar Taufan delivers basic carpentry theory material in the classroom to training participants at the Diocese of Timika.</p>
	<p>Theoretical preparation for participants is important in learning basic carpentry skills provided by IPN Instructors.</p>
	<p>Carpentry training participants practice directly how to measure a surface using a water level tool.</p>

	<p>All training participants get the opportunity to practice making walls using cement and installing ceramics as part of the basic carpentry knowledge provided by NMI instructors.</p>
	<p>The training participants together with representatives from KMBL, PTFI, and IPN completed the 10-day carpentry training at the Diocese of Timika.</p>

About PT Freeport Indonesia (PTFI)

PT Freeport Indonesia (PTFI) is a mineral mining company affiliated with Freeport-McMoRan (FCX) and Mining Industry Indonesia (MIND ID). PTFI mines and processes ore to produce copper minerals, which contain gold and silver.

PTFI markets its concentrate worldwide, and primarily to domestic copper smelter, PT Smelting. PTFI's mining operations are located in the Grasberg mineral district, Papua – Indonesia. Currently, PTFI operates the world's largest underground block cave mining operation. In carrying out its operational activities, PTFI prioritizes responsible business practices.