

Media Update

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Freeport Signs MoU to Build a Science and Partnership Center in Cenderawasih University

Timika – With Cenderawasih University (UNCEN) a center of excellence in Papua, and the reciprocal needs existing between industry and higher education, PT Freeport Indonesia (PTFI) and UNCEN engage in collaboration. On Tuesday (5/4/2022) situated at Hotel Rimba Papua, Timika, PTFI signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with UNCEN over commitment to build a Freeport Indonesia Building as a Center for Science and Partnership inside the Cenderawasih University campus.

This commitment was evidenced through the signing of an MoU for construction of the building, by PTFI President Director Tony Wenas and UNCEN Rector DR. Apolo Safanpo, ST, M.T. that was witnessed by UNCEN Rectorate officials who were in attendance in Timika.

“PTFI has engaged in collaboration with UNCEN since 1996 through various link and match programs encompassing research, internships, guest lectures, and other activities. On this specific occasion, PTFI and UNCEN are entering a crucial milestone, in which PTFI will undertake construction of an academic building in the UNCEN campus that will be subsequently used as a center for science and partnership for students,” Tony Wenas disclosed. Freeport voiced the hope that the building will assist UNCEN in grooming human resources and young generations in Papua for excellence.

Meanwhile UNCEN Rector DR Apolo Safanpo, ST, M.T. uttered the conviction that no business can succeed amid a failed society. “Freeport’s presence cannot be dissociated from Papua, and as such Freeport’s commitment to grow and develop together with the people of Papua needs to be appreciated,” Apolo stated.

UNCEN is the first higher education institution to be established in Papua and has produced thousands of graduates. Apolo expressed his appreciation of support from PTFI and hoped the Freeport Indonesia Building for Science and Partnership will further assist UNCEN in implementing the Tridharma philosophy of Education, Research and Community Service within the university.

PTFI assistance takes the form of building a Science Center that will have three floors, in the UNCEN campus grounds in Jayapura. The building will have a total area of 2,765 m², comprising a ground floor with an area of 630 m², a second floor with an area of 570 m², a third floor with an area of 870 m², a 320 m² auditorium, and a 375 m² rooftop floor. The building will hold 18 classrooms, 1 lecturers’ room, an auditorium with a capacity of 230 occupants, and a rooftop area for solar cell panels that will serve as

teaching material for students. Construction will be conducted under the green building concept to promote the principles of sustainability and eco-friendliness.

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