

TPL Welcomes Industrial Visit from Universitas Katolik Santo Thomas Medan

Parmaksian, Toba Regency – PT Toba Pulp Lestari, Tbk (TPL) proudly welcomed an industrial visit from Universitas Katolik Santo Thomas (UNIKA) Medan, located in Pangombusan Village, Parmaksian District, Toba Regency. This visit was conducted in four batches, starting from May 28 to June 20, 2024.

A total of 240 students from UNIKA participated in this visit, accompanied by several lecturers and the Dean of the Faculty of Computer Science, Desinta Purba. This visit was part of the implementation of an educational collaboration between the company and the university, aimed at providing students with firsthand experience of pulp industry operations and their crucial role in the local economy.

Desinta Purba, Dean of the Faculty of Computer Science at UNIKA, expressed her deep gratitude for the warm welcome from TPL. "We highly appreciate the opportunity provided by TPL to visit their facilities. This is a tangible form of educational collaboration between universities and industries, which is very beneficial for our students. They can directly see how the theories learned in class are applied in the industrial world," said Desinta.

During the visit, students toured several key locations within TPL, including the Mini Exhibition, Central Nursery, and Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Each location provided different insights into the production process and the company's efforts to maintain environmental sustainability.

TPL's Corporate Communication Manager, Salomo Sitohang, explained on Thursday (July 4, 2024) that the main objective of this visit was to demonstrate the company's transparency and support the

government's Merdeka Belajar (Independent Learning) program. "This visit is a manifestation of TPL's key message: open and transparent for continuous improvement. TPL will always maintain open and transparent communication so that the public can receive accurate and reliable information."

"Through this opportunity, we also want to show students how our operations run while prioritizing environmental and social aspects. This visit is also expected to provide a real picture of the pulp industry and the career opportunities available in this sector," said Salomo.

TPL is committed to continuing collaborations with various educational institutions as part of its corporate social responsibility and efforts to develop high-quality human resources. Industrial visits like this are one of the ways to realize this commitment, with the hope of inspiring and motivating the younger generation.

With this visit, it is expected that the relationship between TPL and UNIKA will grow stronger, leading to more positive collaborations in the future. Students who participated in the visit are encouraged to apply the knowledge gained during the trip in their studies and better prepare themselves for entering the workforce with enhanced experience.

This activity is also expected to serve as an example for other companies to be more open and establish collaborations with educational institutions for mutual progress.