

TPL Supports the Construction of GKPA Harmony Tourism Center in Parau Sorat

South Tapanuli, 09 August 2024 — In an effort to strengthen good relations with the communities surrounding its operational areas, PT Toba Pulp Lestari Tbk (TPL) once again demonstrated its commitment by providing heavy equipment support for the construction of the GKPA (Gereja Kristen Protestan Angkola) Harmony Tourism Center in Parau Sorat Village, Sipirok District, South Tapanuli Regency. This support included the deployment of an excavator to level the land contours and lift materials at the construction site.

The construction, expected to take approximately one week, aims to create a long-term symbol of interfaith harmony in South Tapanuli Regency. This location was chosen as the zero point and the origin of the spread of Christianity and Lutheran teachings in the Tapanuli region since 1861.

In the future, this site is planned to become a center for religious harmony, culture, and faith, with Christian and Islamic places of worship standing side by side as historical witnesses to religious tolerance.

GKPA Pastor Antoni Siahaan expressed his gratitude for TPL's support in this development process.

"We are very grateful for the assistance provided by TPL. We hope that with this location, the community will grow stronger in harmony and not be easily provoked by irresponsible individuals trying to create division," he said.

Meanwhile, Heddy Panjaitan, TPL South Tapanuli Sector Manager, accompanied by Johnny Sitohang, Community Development Officer, stated that this support is a tangible manifestation of TPL's commitment to continuously making a positive contribution to the communities surrounding the company's operational areas.

"We always strive to be present and provide benefits to the community, especially in supporting efforts that aim to strengthen harmony and unity. We hope that the GKPA Harmony Tourism Center will serve as a symbol and reminder of the importance of tolerance and togetherness in South Tapanuli Regency," he said.

Through this support, TPL hopes to help create a conducive environment for social and cultural development in the region, proving that the company's presence brings positive impacts to the local community. TPL remains committed to supporting regional development through various sustainable partnership programs.