

PRESS RELEASE

The Minister of Environment and Forestry Visits Liang Anggang Nursery Development Site in South Kalimantan - Collaboration of Adaro, the Ministry of Environment and Forestry, and the Ministry of Public Works and Housing

Banjarbaru, September 3rd, 2024 – The Minister of Environment and Forestry Siti Nurbaya, accompanied by PT Adaro Indonesia's President Director Priyadi, visited the location of Liang Anggang Nursery Development in Landasan Ulin, Lianggang District, Banjarbaru, South Kalimantan on September 3rd, 2024. The development of this 14-hectare nursery with the capacity of 10 million trees has been completed by PT Adaro Energy Indonesia Tbk (Adaro) under the collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and Forestry (MoEF) and the Ministry of Public Works and Housing (MoPWH). During the visit, the Minister of Environment and Forestry and her entourage planted trees and checked the progress of the nursery development, which will be inaugurated by President Joko Widodo.

PT Adaro Indonesia's President Director Priyadi said, "Being a holder of forest area borrow-to-use permit, we are committed to fully supporting the government's initiatives to accelerate the recovery of critical lands in Indonesia by developing large-scale nurseries. We are proud to receive the trust to work together with MoEF and MoPWH to develop Liang Anggang Nursery with the capacity of 10 million trees. In addition to funding the facilities and infrastructure of this nursery, we will also monitor its operations. We hope this nursery will make significant contributions to the handling of critical lands in various areas of Indonesia and help the nation's initiatives against the global climate change."

Indonesia has affirmed its FoLU Net Sink 2030 agenda as the mitigation action to show its climate action ambition to achieve the performance target through more well-structured and systematic approaches. One of the crucial steps to achieve this is providing good quality seedlings for more massive forest and land rehabilitation activities.

Therefore, the government has encouraged all parties to collaborate for accelerating environmental rehabilitation, which includes the measures to increase forest and land coverage or reforestation. This is closely related to Indonesia's measures for responding to the global condition associated with sustainability, biodiversity, and circular economy, as well as carbon offset orientation.

Among the initiatives taken by the private sector is the development of Liang Anggang nursery by Adaro through its subsidiary PT Adaro Indonesia, under a Public Private Partnership scheme. Within this scheme, the nursery is provided by the MoEF and the Directorate General of Water Resource BWS Kalimantan III under the MoPWH supplies water for the area. The production area of 6.6 hectares with the capacity of 10 million trees will be planted with seedlings of wood trees, non timber forest products, endemic plants, and aesthetic plants. The multifunctional plant seedlings will be distributed to critical lands throughout Indonesia.

This collaboration involves the Forestry Agency of South Kalimantan province to manage seedling distribution, from planning, distribution, to monitoring of the seedlings. The seedlings from Liang Anggang Nursery are expected to help forest and land rehabilitation activities within the designated area of Barito Watershed Management Agency (BPDAS Barito), both performed by MoEF through BPDAS Barito and by the regional government, such as the Green Revolutionary Movement launched by the Governor of South Kalimantan.



This nursery development is also in line with Indonesian President Joko Widodo's direction to develop large-scale nurseries in every province to support ecosystem rehabilitation through forest and land rehabilitation, including reclamation of post-mining lands or areas.

With Adaro's extensive experience in rehabilitating and handling post-mining lands, critical lands, and watershed areas, the collaboration of Adaro and the government in this nursery is expected to generate ecological and economic benefits for the surrounding local communities.

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