

**Media Update**  
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### **Freeport Indonesia Performs Groundbreaking for Construction of the Science and Partnership Center Building at Cenderawasih University**

**Jayapura** - In realization of its commitment to support educational development and quality in Papua, on Thursday (6/10/2022) PT Freeport Indonesia (PTFI) formally commenced development of the Science and Partnership Center Building in Cenderawasih University (UNCEN), Jayapura.

Development of the Science and Partnership Center Building provided in assistance from PTFI will cost Rp 45 billion, and construction is expected to take 12 months. “The building will have three stories, covering a total floor area of 2,765 m2, comprising a ground floor of 630m2, a second floor of 570m2, a third floor of 870 m2, and an auditorium of 320 m2, and will run on a sustainable energy savings program using solar panels to supply part of its electricity demand,” **PTFI General Superintendent, General Construction & Special Projects (GCSP) David Kaban** informed.



Commencement of construction of the Science and Partnership Center Building at UNCEN was marked by a groundbreaking event officiated by Freeport McMoRan Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Richard C. Adkerson, together with Investment Minister/ Head of Investment Coordination Board BKPM Bahlil Lahadalia, PTFI President Director Tony Wenas, and Cenderawasih University Rector Dr.Ir.Apolo Safanpo, ST., MT.

“To date PTFI has engaged in collaboration with UNCEN on various programs, and this time PTFI is providing assistance through the Science and Partnership Center Building, in support of increasing educational quality and development in Papua,” **PTFI President Director Tony Wenas said.**

Meanwhile **Cenderawasih University Rector, Dr.Ir.Apolo Safanpo, ST., MT** said the Freeport assistance was a real contribution from the company that has been operating for more than 50 years in Papua, with Freeport’s presence an inseparable part of Papua, and Freeport committed to growing and developing alongside the people of Papua.

The UNCEN Rector conveyed his thanks to the Investment Minister and PTFI, who were in attendance to support development of the Science and Partnership Center Building. “We are very grateful for the support from the Investment Minister/ Head of BKPM and PTFI, who have demonstrated full consideration and concern towards increasing the development and quality of education in Papua,” Apolo Safanpo said. The Rector voiced the hoped that the building will serve to provide benefits through development of science and technology, and development of skills for UNCEN students and all Papuans.

Earlier in April 2022 situated at Hotel Rimba Papua Timika, PTFI and UNCEN had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on commitment to support development of a Science and Partnership Center Building for UNCEN, in continuation of prior collaborations including an internship program and various research conducted by UNCEN with assistance from PTFI.

Photo	Caption
	Freeport McMoRan Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Richard C. Adkerson laying the first foundation stone for the PTFI Science and Partnership Center Building in UNCEN, on Thursday (6/10/2022).
	PTFI President Director Tony Wenas laying a foundation stone for the PTFI Science and Partnership Center Building in the UNCEN campus on Thursday (6/10/2022).

	<p>Investment Minister/ Head of Investment Coordination Board BKPM Bahlil Lahadalia attended and witnessed the groundbreaking ceremony for the Science and Partnership Center Building in the UNCEN campus in Jayapura.</p>
	<p>The lot on which the Science and Partnership Center Building will be built is located at the rear of the UNCEN Post Graduate Campus in Jayapura.</p>

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