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PT Freeport Indonesia President Director Visits PFA Base

Thursday, 6 April 2023. Mimika Sport Complex was visited by a special guest. PT Freeport Indonesia President Director Tony Wenas had come to the Papua Football Academy base.

Papua Football Academy is a football academy specifically designated for Papuan youths who were scouted in talent searches conducted with full support from PT Freeport Indonesia. In the first year, 30 students passed selection held in three cities, namely Timika, Merauke, and Jayapura.

Tony Wenas arrived at Mimika Sport Complex with an entourage from Jakarta who had come to attend the PT Freeport Indonesia 56th anniversary celebrations falling on 7 April 2023. The entourage consisted not just of the company's management and several former senior executives, but also of senior executives from the national mass media.

Also present were public figures such as Dwiki Dharmawan, Ita Purnamasari, and Andre Hehanussa, all of whom expressed admiration for Mimika Sport Complex and its sport facilities.

On this occasion Tony Wenas heard an account of the current condition and development of Papua Football Academy and the Mimika Decentralized Athletics Training Center, which are based in Mimika Sport Complex, from PT Freeport Indonesia Director Claus Wamafma.

"I constantly follow the development of PFA, the number of youths participating in competitions and the outcomes of the competitions. I have also come to know that PFA students have come to the attention of Indonesian clubs," Tony Wenas said.

Tony recounted a conversation during a recent meeting in Jayapura with Indonesian President Joko Widodo.

"The President specifically inquired how PFA was developing. He shows a great interest in the development of football, including in Papua," Tony Wenas said.

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The man who is also known to be a musician reiterated the phrase “from Papua for Indonesia” is not just a slogan. But through PFA, it indicates contribution to national football.

In his capacity as Papua Football Academy Director, Wolfgang Pikal delivered a presentation on how the 30 students were progressing in the first year, in terms of character building, to serve them as future players when they become members of the public.

“In addition to greatly increasing their skills, I earnestly expect PFA youths will develop to live with more discipline and a good mentality, without abandoning their scholastic lessons,” Tony said.

The drizzling rain that welcomed the arrival of the entourage in Mimika Sport Complex did not lessen the exhilaration and excitement accompanying this activity. The guests were able to observe Papua Football Academy youths and athletes participate in training. - end -

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