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### 18 Km of Road in Asahan Renovated to Improve Economic Growth

**Asahan, North Sumatra, 31 July 2019** – PT Gunung Melayu and PT Saudara Sejati, both Asian Agri subsidiaries, today commenced renovations on 18 kilometers of road which connects Gonting Malaha Village and Bandar Pulau Pekan Village in Asahan, as part of efforts to improve economic growth in the area.

[Asian Agri](#) committed to improving the condition of the road because of its importance in facilitating economic activity within Asahan. Cracks and potholes can cause accidents and heavily delay transportation of agriculture commodities, especially [oil palm](#) which is important in the village's economic development agenda.

In recognition of the infrastructure repair project, the regional government presented an award to Asian Agri, which was accepted by management representatives.

Umar Simangunsong, District Head of Bandar Pulau, who handed over the award, said: “We would like to express our deepest gratitude for all the assistance and cooperation provided by Asian Agri so far. We present this charter as a token of our appreciation for the road repair project that the company has committed to.”

#### **About Asian Agri:**

Asian Agri is one of Indonesia's largest [palm oil producers](#) since 1979. Today, the company manages 100,000 hectares of land and employs over 25,000 people. A pioneer of the Indonesian government's Trans-National Government Migration (PIR-Trans) program, Asian Agri works with 30,000 [plasma smallholders](#) in Riau and Jambi who operate 60,000 hectares of [palm oil plantations](#), as well as independent smallholders, bringing about positive impact on their quality of life and economic development.

Implementing a strict “no burn” policy and best practices in [sustainable plantation management](#), Asian Agri has helped its smallholder partners improve productivity, yield and supply chain traceability, while assisting them obtain certifications. The company's mills are technologically advanced and energy self-sufficient, minimizing greenhouse gas emissions.

Asian Agri is a member of the [Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil \(RSPO\)](#). More than 86% of both owned plantations in North Sumatra, Riau & Jambi provinces and 100% of scheme smallholder plantations in Riau & Jambi provinces have been RSPO certified. All plantations, including those owned by smallholders, have been certified by ISCC (International Sustainability & Carbon Certification). The company has also been 100% ISPO (Indonesian Sustainable Palm Oil) certified.

The company's operations are ISO 14001 certified, while its Learning Institute and nursery research center in Riau province, Indonesia are both ISO 9001 certified. Asian Agri's R&D Center in North Sumatra was also given a certification by the International Plant-Analytical Exchange at the WEPAL lab at Wageningen University in The Netherlands, for its high standards.

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