

Media Update

Promoting Science Interest Among Young Papuan Generation, Freeport Indonesia Supports UNCEN Science Competition

Jayapura, October 22, 2025 - PT Freeport Indonesia (PTFI) fully supports the 2025 Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Computer Competition (KOMIKOM) organized by the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (FMIPA) of Cenderawasih University (UNCEN).

"With good science education, young people are expected to be able to think critically, logically, and innovatively, where these soft skills are greatly needed in the working world," said Senior Vice President (SVP) of Sustainable Development PTFI, Nathan Kum.

In this competition, PTFI provided science laboratory equipment support as appreciation to the participating schools. There were a total of 28 teams from 13 schools from Jayapura City, Jayapura Regency, Keerom Regency, and Jayawijaya Regency.

The final round of the competition took place on October 21, 2025 at the FMIPA UNCEN Hall, Jayapura. As a result, Team 1 from SMAN 1 Jayapura won First Place, followed by Team 2 from Madrasah Aliyah Darud Da'wah wal Irsyad Entrop in Second Place, and Team 2 from Madrasah Aliyah Yayasan Pondok Karya Pembangunan (YPKP) Sentani in Third Place.

"Congratulations to the winners, this achievement is proof of the spirit and great potential of Papua's young generation in science and technology," said Nathan.

Vice Rector I of Cenderawasih University, Dr. Dirk Y. P. Runtuboy S.Pd., M.Kes, expressed appreciation for PTFI's support for organizing this competition. This activity is a very important and strategic platform for building competitive character, creativity, and also building students' love for mathematics, science, and information technology.

"The world is developing very rapidly, so mastery of science and technology has an important role in facing very complex global challenges," he said.

KOMIKOM 2025 carries the theme "Exploration of Knowledge, Realize Achievement". This annual event tests the abilities of high school students in Papua in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and Computer Science. This competition aims to increase students' interest and motivation in science, sharpen critical thinking skills, and build a spirit of collaboration among Papua's young generation.

The competition ran from July to October 2025 through two stages: the Preliminary Round using Computer-Based Testing (CBT) and the Final Round with an interactive knockout system. In the final round, the 16 best teams competed through various forms of challenges such as science games, case studies, simple experiments, and applied mathematical calculations that require logic, accuracy, and teamwork.

PHOTO	DESCRIPTION
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	<p>KOMIKOM is an annual event that tests the abilities of high school students in Papua in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and Computer Science. This competition aims to increase students' interest and motivation in science, sharpen critical thinking skills, and build a spirit of collaboration among Papua's young generation.</p>
	<p>Vice Rector 1 for Academic Affairs of Cenderawasih University, Dr. Dirk Y.P. Runtuboy S.Pd., M.Kes, opens the Final Round of the 2025 Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Computer Competition (KOMIKOM) at Cenderawasih University Hall, Jayapura, October 21, 2025.</p>

	<p>The 2025 Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Computer Competition (KOMIKOM) was participated by 28 teams from 13 schools from Jayapura City, Jayapura Regency, Keerom Regency, and Jayawijaya Regency.</p>
	<p>PTFI representatives present appreciation to the winners of KOMIKOM 2025. This competition aims to increase students' interest and motivation in studying science and computer fields.</p>

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PTFI's mining activities are located in the Grasberg area, Mimika Regency, Central Papua Province, one of the most remote and extreme mountainous regions in the world that has one of the largest copper and gold deposits. The refining process is carried out at PTFI's smelter facility in Gresik, East Java, as part of the company's commitment to downstream processing and increasing mineral value added domestically. Through sustainable resource management, implementation of advanced technology, and world-class safety standards, PTFI is committed to continuing to contribute to national economic development.