



Creating a Happy New Year Holiday, Pelindo transforms 2 ports with new faces

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Jakarta, 10 December 2024, Welcoming the momentum of the Christmas and New Year (Nataru) 2024/2025 holidays, PT Pelabuhan Indonesia (Persero) or Pelindo carried out major renovations at the two ports it manages, namely Panjang Strait Port and Gunung Sitoli Port. This step is a tangible manifestation of Pelindo's commitment to providing a more comfortable, safe, and exciting homecoming experience for people in all corners of the archipelago, in accordance with the theme of this year's Nataru transport 'Holiday Seru Nataru 2024/2025'.

'This renovation is our priority due to the high passenger activity and the strategic role of these ports as the main link for the community in their respective regions,' said Pelindo Corporate Secretariat Group, Ardhy Wahyu Basuki.

Ardhy added that the renovation of these two ports is part of the follow-up to the direction of the Ministry of SOEs in ensuring that passengers remain comfortable and safe and to answer the needs of the surge in passengers during Nataru 2024/2025, which is projected to increase by 12.5% compared to the previous year or reach 2.2 million people.

At Selat Panjang Harbour, the passenger terminal now comes with a fresh design and updated supporting facilities. The terminal waiting area is now more spacious with a capacity of 250 people in the domestic waiting room and 180 people in the international waiting room. Selat Panjang Harbour is also equipped with multimedia facilities to facilitate departure information for passengers. In addition, there is an updated sanitation area, as well as the construction of a trestle and bridge connecting to the international pontoon which further facilitates access for passengers. Last year, the port served 570,000 passengers, with the main routes being Batam and Tanjung Balai Karimun.

Meanwhile, Gunung Sitoli Port in Nias Islands has been transformed with a new face that is more modern and organised, including the addition of air-conditioned waiting rooms, VIP rooms, lactation rooms (breastfeeding corners), seating, toilets, canteens, prayer rooms and other supporting facilities that ensure maximum comfort for visitors. The largest port on Nias Island is also equipped with a 600-metre passenger terminal with a capacity of 500 people, smooth road infrastructure, and other supporting facilities. The harbour serves around 400,000 passengers annually with the main route being Sibolga.

‘This step is part of Pelindo's big vision to deliver international standard port services. We want every journey through our ports to be a pleasant experience. This renovation is not just about beautifying the physical port, but also ensuring that every passenger gets maximum comfort during their journey,’ Ardhy concluded.