

BAPPENAS AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR STATE CAPITAL DRAFT BILL SURVEY DEVELOPMENT OF INDEPENDENT CITIES IN INDONESIA

SOUTH TANGERANG – As part of discussions on the Draft Law of the State Capital (RUU IKN), the Minister of National Development Planning/Head of Bappenas Suharso Monoarfa, together with members of the House of Representatives' (DPR) Special Committee for the RUU IKN conducted a working visit to the 'independent cities' of BSD City and Alam Sutera on Sunday (16/1).

The visit aims to understand the area's development planning, including its innovations, management system, sustainability, and the regional security system. Information and data collected in the field review will be used as important input for the State Capital's (IKN) development planning going forward.

"Because this is a private sector and a free market, these cities did not directly develop 6,000 hectares just like that. These cities show us that development projects of such magnitudes cannot be built immediately. Their speed of development would probably be around 100 hectares a year because it depends on market demand, in contrast to the IKN project, which has a captive market and is a single player within it," Minister Suharso said during the visit.

The visit was also attended by the Ministry of National Development Planning's Chief Secretary Himawan Hariyoga, Ministerial Special Staff member Chairil Abdini, Deputy for Development Funding Scenaider Clasein Hasudungan Siahaan, Deputy for Monitoring, Evaluation and Development Control Taufik Hanafi and Acting Deputy of Maritime Affairs and Natural Resources Arifin Rudiyanto.

Minister Suharso, together with members of the RUU IKN Special Committee, included visits to the Green Office Park 9 and The Breeze complexes in BSD City to assess the mall-without-walls concept which use a ventilation system that minimizes the use of air conditioning and lights. The delegation then continued their visit to The Lloyd Alam Sutera to assess low-rise apartment concepts and the 'panic button' system: a security system connected to a central command center to provide swift responses to public reports.

"We want to see how the local developers managed to develop properties that are not inferior to international developers, so if they are invited to develop the IKN area, they will come ready with the concept and the technologies requires," said Chairil Abdini, who is also the Head of the IKN Strategic Coordination Team.

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