

BAPPENAS, PUPR AND FINANCE MINISTRIES ACCOMPANY MPR DELEGATION TO SURVEY IKN DEVELOPMENT SITES

PENAJAM PASER UTARA – The Minister of National Development Planning/Head of Bappenas Suharso Monoarfa, together with the Minister of Public Works and Public Housing (PUPR) Basuki Hadimuljono and Deputy Minister of Finance Suahasil Nazara accompanied the Chairman of the People's Consultative Assembly (MPR) Bambang Soesatyo and several MPR figures including Deputy Chairmen Ahmad Basarah, Ahmad Muzani, Lestari Moerdijat, Jazilul Fawaid, Fadel Muhammad and Arsul Sani, in visiting an important point of the State Capital (IKN) development site in Penajam Paser Utara, East Kalimantan.

The delegation's visit included surveys to the 'ground zero' sites of the IKN's development, the State Palace, the House of Representatives (DPR), MPR and Regional Representatives Council (DPD) complexes, as well as the Sepaku Sepoi Dam which is a crucial supplier of water for the IKN and for Balikpapan as well.

"The development of the new State Capital, named Nusantara, is divided into three planning areas, namely the first IKN Development Area, which spans an area of approximately 199,962 hectares. The second is the K-IKN area which comprises an area of approximately 56,180 hectares. The third is the Main Central Government area, or KIPP, which is about 6,671 hectares," Minister Suharso said on Thursday (27/1).

The development of the IKN as a 'World City for All', will be carried out under eight main principles namely: designs in accordance with nature, the state motto Bhinneka Tunggal Ika or 'Unity in Diversity', being easily accessible and well-connected, having a low carbon emission rate, having a tough circular economy, being a safe and affordable place to live, being an efficient and convenient city through the help of technology and offering equal economic opportunities for all.

During the House of Representatives' 13th Plenary Meeting on the IKN Draft Law (RUU IKN), the draft law itself had already been ratified by the members of the house into law. The ratification is a follow-up to the discussion of the IKN Bill as a whole after the submission of the Indonesian President's Letter on the IKN to the House on September 29, 2021. Administratively, the IKN is located in between two regencies, namely Penajam Paser Utara district (consisting of the Penajam and Sepaku districts) and the Kutai Kartanegara district (including Loa Kulu, Loa Janan, Muara Jawa, and Samboja).

"I think the participation of the local community is crucial, whether they participate in the construction of the city itself or in the non-physical aspects of it. Everything is open, and there are job opportunities aplenty," Minister Suharso elaborated.

Regarding the IKN's infrastructure, apart from the Sepaku Semoi Dam, the government plans to build other supporting infrastructure such as roads and public facilities that cater to the

area's basic needs, with a development timeline until 2024.

"What we will prioritize first is the provision of basic infrastructure, then public utilities (namely water, electricity, etc). Then, the State Palace, the MPR/DPR/DPD complex, the Supreme Court building (which we call the Tripraja), and other executive, legislative and judicial infrastructure. We are optimistic in completing the logistical access points and relevant roads. I have seen it with my own eyes, and the acceleration of progress is extraordinary," concluded Minister Suharso.

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