

P4W-LPPM of IPB Organized Megacities Internasional Conference

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Research Center and Planning for Regional Development of the Institute of Research and Community Empowerment (P4W-LPPM), in collaboration with the Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN) organized the 5th International Conference of Greater Jakarta Study Forum, on Tuesday, 17 March 2015, at IPB International Convention Center (IICC), Bogor. The theme of the Conference was "Sustainable Megacities: Vulnerability, Diversity and Livability".

The international conference was officially opened by Rector, Prof. Dr. Herry Suhardiyanto. In his welcome remarks, he stated that the megacity is identical to the many problems that are directly related to humans such as crime, homelessness, and pollution. Therefore it requires special handling to manage it. "Hopefully the participants of the conference will recommend appropriate and in depth management of these megacities," said the rector.

The Minister of Agrarian and Spatial Planning of Republic of Indonesia, Mr. Ferry Mursyidan Baldan, was invited to grace the occasion and presented his keynote address. Minister described the integrated Jabodetabek area. "The reason why the management of the Greater Jakarta has not been successful as each Local Authority (Pemda) has its own development programs. Hence we need to equalize and integrate those perceptions that Greater Jakarta area is an integrated unit, thus we manage one unit together," he said.

This activity was designed not only for academicians, but also for practitioners such as social and scientific communities, including the Community of Save Puncak, Rungkun Awi, the Community Care for Ciliwung group (KPC) of Gadog, KPCs Bogor, Cilebut, Bojong Gede, Depok and Condet respectively, and Ciliwung Institute. The resource persons invited as speakers for the conference were, Prof. Shin Muramatsu of Research Institute for Humanities and Nature, as well as Prof. Stephen Cairns from Singapore-ETH Centre, Future Cities Laboratory. (Wied)