

Press Release

Minister Suharso Discusses State Capital Development With Architects and Development Experts

JAKARTA – The Minister of National Development Planning/Head of Bappenas Suharso Monoarfe lead a discussion related to the development of the State Capital relocation project (IKN), with several groups including the Association of Regional and City Planners (IAP), the Association of Indonesian Architects (IAI), the Association of Indonesian Urban Design Experts (IARKI), the Indonesian Association of Landscape Architects (IALI), and the Indonesian Green Building Council (GBCI).

A number of aspects such as the environment, culture, and the progress of the IKN Masterplan were the topics of discussion. One of the key points raised at the meeting was the design of the State Palace which until now, is still within its initial design phase. The discussions, particularly with urban planning and architecture experts, are expected to accelerate the design phase.

"I am very grateful for the input from our architects, from the IAP, IAI, IARKI, IALI, GBCI, and the wider community. Our discussions revolved around the Garuda-shaped building design, and how it will hold up in terms of security or in architectural senses," Minister Suharso said in a virtual discussion on Monday (5/4).

For the construction of the State Palace, the Ministry of National Development Planning/Bappenas and the Ministry of Public Works and Housing (PUPR) are working together to provide the materials and services needed for the IKN Masterplan and the State Capital Urban Design Plan's execution.

Regarding the development of the State Capital, Minister Suharso ensured that the environmental aspect is one of the more important elements that will become one of the government's main concerns. In coordination with the Ministry of Environmental Affairs and Forestry, the Ministry of National Development Planning/Bappenas ensures that the development process will pay attention to environmental conservation and other needs.

"This development project is very concerned about the environment. We are even reforesting damaged forests. We have taken into account all the calculations involved in the planning of the State Capital, and the process has so far followed all acceptable rules, and most importantly, every action is conducted legally," Minister Suharso added.

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