

## Press Release

### ***Minister Suharso Visits IKN Ground Zero Site to Commemorate Bappenas' 74th Anniversary***

**PENAJAM PASER UTARA** – The Minister of National Development Planning/Head of Bappenas Suharso Monoarfa, along with the Spokesperson for the Indonesian President Fadjoel Rachman and East Kalimantan Governor Isran Noor, visited the "ground zero" point of the new State Capital (IKN) development site, which is the State Palace construction site, on Monday (12/4).

"On this day, April 12, 2021, from the 'ground zero' site of the new State Capital in Penajam Paser Utara, East Kalimantan, I wish the Ministry of National Development Planning/Bappenas a happy 74th anniversary. Being here at ground zero, together with people from various generations, I hope that this site can be a symbol that our beloved Ministry remains a strong, sturdy agency for national development planning. This new State Capital in itself is an embodiment of all the principles, values, integrity and maturity of our Ministry, and long may it continue," Minister Suharso said at the State Palace construction site at the IKN's Central Government Core Area (KIPP) in Penajam Paser Utara, East Kalimantan.

Preparations for the relocation of the State Capital has been included as a priority project in the 2020-2024 Medium-Term Government Working Plan (RPJMN), which include the construction of government administration facilities at the new IKN, as well as economic activity projects that are expected to generate activity for the IKN area and its surroundings. Preparations for the IKN's development is adjusted to the pace of the national vaccination program, which is carried out in stages with a target of 181,550,000 people vaccinated to achieve herd immunity. The development of the IKN is also designed as one of the national economic recovery strategies after the Covid-19 pandemic. Based on the stages of IKN development, the development target until 2024 includes ramping up construction of the KIPP area's supporting facilities and infrastructure.

The purpose of Minister Suharso's visit was to review the State Palace's planned location within the KIPP. The initial physical development, or soft groundbreaking, at KIPP is scheduled to take place after the ratification of the State Capital Draft Law (RUU IKN), which has been listed in the 2021 Priority National Legislation Program (Prolegnas).

"At the same time, we are also looking forward to new ideas that will help our new State Capital realize the ideals of the nation, and foster a more advanced Indonesia. Once again, together with the young and old generations, and all stakeholders for the national interest, I invite everyone to join hands, roll up our arms and work for our beloved nation," the Minister concluded.

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