

Press Release

Minister Suharso Advocates Environmental Conservation In Every Step of IKN Development

PENAJAM PASER UTARA – The Minister of National Development Planning/Head of Bappenas Suharso Monoarfa spent the night at the Guest House of the Penajam Paser Utara's Regent's office in East Kalimantan on Thursday (22/4).

On this occasion, with the Regent of Penajam Paser Utara Abdul Gafur Mas'ud, Minister Suharso held in-depth discussions about the development of the State Capital (IKN) in the region. One of the more important aspects that was discussed was the importance of environmental preservation in every step of the development.

"I am happy and proud to be able to spend the night at our 'Benuo Taka', which, in Paser language, means 'our hometown'. I really feel like I am already a resident of Penajam Paser Utara, even though it was only one night. However, that night inspired me further to ensure the design of the IKN area," Minister Suharso said at the Regent's guest house on Friday (23/4).

Regarding the environment, one of the emerging concerns involves the future of the forest area. Minister Suharso emphasized that the sustainability of Kalimantan's forests, known as the 'lungs of the world', would be the main focus of the development, considering that the IKN Masterplan itself has even mandated that 75% of the new city must be 'green areas', with the principle of being a 'forest city'.

"At the IKN, we will live in and around the forest as it is an Indonesian heritage that we must protect for our future generations. For example, when the IKN is completed, we will plant and reforest the Soeharto Hill. If one of the weaknesses of environmental conservation is that Kalimantan is too big and too far away, then the presence of the IKN will bring policymakers closer, especially the President, to the beautiful forests of Kalimantan. By relocating our State Capital, the world's lungs will be even more secure because it is located right on the terrace of our home," Minister Suharso said.

In addition, environmental conservation efforts will also be realized through the IKN Modern Nursery located in the Sepaku district.

"This nursery, with a total area of 120 hectares and a capacity of 10 million seedlings per year, will later provide the tree seedlings needed for the IKN area. Earlier, I emphasized that 75% of the IKN area will be designated 'green areas' and it is not just a wish, but a reality that we will realize in the development of this city," the Minister concluded.



Minister of National Dev Planning/Head of Bappenas Suharso Monoarfa emphasizes importance of environmental conservation in every step of development, Friday (24/4/2021).



Minister Suharso reiterates that the IKN Masterplan has made it mandatory for 75% of the city's area to be designated as 'green areas', Friday (24/4/2021).

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