

EAST KALIMANTAN ACADEMIC FIGURES INVITED TO PROVIDE INPUT ON IKN BILL

SAMARINDA – The Ministry of National Development Planning/Bappenas participated in the House of Representatives' (DPR) Public Deliberation Meeting for the Drafting of the State Capital Bill (RUU IKN) at Samarinda's Mulawarman University on Tuesday (11/1).

The meeting was lead by Mulawarman University rector Masjaya and was attended by Safaruddin and Budisastro Djiwandono of the DPR's Special RUU IKN Deliberation Committee, the Ministry of National Development Planning/Bappenas' Deputy of Development Monitoring, Evaluation and Control (PEPP) Taufik Hanafi, the Ministry's Deputy for Human, Community and Cultural Development Subandi Sardjoko, as well as an expert staff member for the Ministry's Social Affairs and Poverty Alleviation Department Vivi Yulaswati. All the names involved were invited to take part in the meeting and listen to public inputs regarding Indonesia's plan to move its capital city from Jakarta to Nusantara, located in Penajam Paser Utara, East Kalimantan.

Analyzing the constructive feedback provided by the public is a very important step in the RUU IKN bill's drafting process, which is currently taking place in the House of Representatives.

"We are grateful that we are able to welcome academics from across East Kalimantan who are able to provide us with feedback from different perspectives, be it from the angles of food security, community involvement and how the city is able to benefit its surrounding environment," the Ministry of National Development Planning/Bappenas' Deputy of Development Monitoring, Evaluation and Control (PEPP) Taufik Hanafi said.

Adding to that, Mulawarman University rector Musjaya noted that one of the key issues that was discussed during the meeting is the strategy to ensure that the development of the new state capital is able to bring economic benefits to the East Kalimantan region.

"We made it so that all of the input and feedback given at the meeting would sternly convey all the aspirations of the region's population. That is why we involved figures from various fields, including academics, religious figures and private sector businesses," Musjaya said.

The public meeting also discussed a number of official studies that were conducted in relation to the new state capital's development, including comparative studies from other countries that helped provide important points regarding the identification of challenges and solutions for several development issues.

"The point is how to ensure that the communities around the new state capital area are able to participate in its development, implementation and sustainability in the future," Taufik concluded.

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