

Editorial Note

Mr. Muhyiddin, former Chief Editor of the Journal of Development Planning, has completed his task of leading this publication. This edition is the first after Mr. Muhyiddin left the journal's office. We are grateful that under his leadership, this journal has grown to attract more authors, as well as readers spread across the globe.

The publication of this edition was somewhat delayed, apart from changes in journal management, also due to the pressure brought on by Covid-19. However, this does not cause the quality of our publication to be compromised.

In this issue the journal's authors present interesting questions in their papers. One of them, "Do economic complexity and strong institutions affect income inequality?" is an economic question regarding the economic role of institutions.

A striking question arises regarding civil registration. This is presented in the paper "The Civil registration: Is it a right for vulnerable groups?" Regarding education, especially regarding school starting age and academic performance, this paper with the case of Indonesia is quite interesting, "School starting age and academic performance: An empirical study in Indonesia".

Indonesia is busy in promoting its geoparks and developing its tourism as well. "Whale shark in the development of geopark and sustainable tourism in Gorontalo, Indonesia" is a paper consisting of a specific case linking the two topics that worth to read.

The other papers are about regional development, discussing both for local and national cases. "Interregional disparity and spatial autocorrelation of access to water and sanitation in Indonesia" is the national case, while "Public perspective toward car-free day program as a public open space: a case study in Klaten, Central Java" and "Spatial urban-rural interaction patterns in metropolitan Cirebon Raya using remote using remote sensing and socioeconomic data" are cases in two regions in Indonesia.

We hope that the journal papers published in this issue will give us a better understanding of the development planning problems we face, including on choosing the right policies.

Happy reading.

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