

Editorial Note

Last year most of the echelon 3 positions in government were abolished. Officials who previously held echelon 3 positions were asked to move into functional officials. Similarly, the staff under them were asked to move into functional officials. Most of them choose policy analyst as their functional position among the various functional positions available.

Another phenomenon is the massive incorporation of research institutions into the BRIN (National Research and Innovation Agency). Researcher positions, which were previously scattered in various research institutions and government ministries/agencies, have been transferred to BRIN. This is a great thing that has begun.

There are some interesting notes from the above phenomena. First, it is becoming increasingly clear that employees in government agencies are now mostly functional officials, ranging from the first level to the Chief one. There are many alternative functional positions, including researcher, policy analyst, and planner. Their number is increasing.

All of them are required to write a paper to show their performance, which will be assessed as a credit score. They are all required to write papers, but in fact, the papers they make are not the same. Some are more inclined to research papers, and some are more of a policy paper.

Functional positions of researchers will give greater weight to research papers, while functional positions of policy analysis and planner will give greater weight to policy papers.

What is also certain is that in order to distribute their works and show their performances, a lot of media, including scientific journals, are needed to develop in Indonesia.

The Indonesian Journal of Development Planning focuses more on policy papers. A paper that describes the problem, analyzes the alternatives to overcome it and presents policy recommendations.

In this publication, we look at nine policy papers written by functional officials, sifted from a fairly large number of manuscripts.

We hope that the quality of the Indonesian Journal of Development Planning will improve, as more functional officials continue to advance in Indonesia.

Happy reading.

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