

Editorial Note

We in Indonesia are entering another political year. The Presidential election is about to take place. Behind the phenomenon there are opportunities to conduct planning and research works which may be in accordance with the mission carried by our journal.

This year will be even more special because we will not only prepare a Medium-Term Development Plan, but also a Long-Term Development Plan. The latter is a rare opportunity because it is conducted only once every twenty years.

We at the Journal of Development Planning hope that more papers are written on actual topics of planning or policymaking related to major political events that is being faced by this country, Indonesia. However, this hope has not been fully realized through the papers published in this edition.

The papers published in this edition, however, remain important, because they examine the fundamental problems facing Indonesia. Issues of poverty, life in rural areas, health, social assistance, gender equality, and so on, which are related to each other are discussed in several papers. Several other papers are related to learning about development policies for certain sectors such as agriculture or development financing.

Recently, many papers have been published based on theses done in universities. We hope that in the future more researchers and even practitioners of development policy in government circles, both at the central and regional levels, will be able to write their papers in our journal.

Happy reading.

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