

Dear readers,

This edition of The Indonesian Journal for Development Planning (JPP) was published with eight papers. These papers are written by government officials, academics, or students based on the research they conduct, both carried out to fulfill tasks and in response to growing development problems.

Recently, the government issued a decree to no longer require writing papers in the usual form published in the JPP as an obligation for functional officials to obtain credit scores and promotions. Similarly, the obligation to write scientific publications among universities will no longer be applied as strictly as before. This began to see the impact with the decrease in the number of papers submitted to JPP, especially by government employees.

We are of the view that the publication of the paper as done by JPP will remain important from now on. Development problems in Indonesia will become more complex. It will take more in-depth research to understand it. However, it is not easy to make policies directly from this research. Meanwhile, public policies must be made better. Therefore, papers, especially those that try to "*bridge research to policy*", as played by JPP, will be urgently needed.

We at JPP are optimistic that JPP's presence will still be needed in the future, and will strive to continue to serve it.

Happy reading.

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