

Accelerating Land Certification, Agrarian Ministry to Involve Independent Surveyors

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Agrarian and Spatial Affairs Minister as well as Head of National Land Agency (BPN), Sofyan Djalil, said until 2016 there were only some 44 percent of lands in Indonesia having been registered and certified. The rest is yet to complete.

“To that end we’re trying to accelerate land certification up to 5 million plots every year so that by 2025 all would have been certified,” he said on Thursday (27/10) in a keynote speech during the The 3rd Conference on Geospatial Information Science and Engineering (CGISE) and Scientific Forum of Indonesian Surveyors (FIT-SIS) 2016 in the Sahid Rich Hotel Yogyakarta.

In the event organised by Department of Geodetical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering UGM in cooperation with the FIT-SIS, Sofyan said that “Preparation for surveyors becomes important to support this acceleration measure,” he said.

As a matter of fact, Indonesia still lacks of surveyors to measure and map the lands, being only 2,000 surveyors across the country with only 1,000 active on the field.

“To resolve this limitation, we would recruit licensed independent surveyors or around 1,000-2,000



professional surveyors,” said the Minister. His office has prepared the law for this goal so that the government target is achievable.

Rector of UGM, Prof. Ir. Dwikorita Karnawati, M.Sc., Ph.D., hoped that the policy of one map would soon be implemented. It is important to draw maps of accuracy that are validated whilst reducing inefficiency in the process.

Dwikorita said the low accuracy and meticulous of spatial maps still pose a serious problem in the country, making the measuring and mapping non-standard.

“Many institutions made their own maps for their own purposes, actually this has to be under the authority of BIG,” she said, mentioning examples such as the Merapi maps that are issued by various institutions having different positions that would affect the disaster mitigation efforts.

So, Dwikorita reinstated the UGM support on the one map policy that can support the national development.

Chairman of Indonesian Surveyors, Virgo Eresta Jaya, encouraged higher learning institutions to prepare professional, certified surveyors to help meet the lack of surveyors in Indonesia.

“The active role of the campus is expected to help support the acceleration of land certification significantly,” he concluded.

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