

General Lecture on Central Java Spatial Management with Ganjar Pranowo

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Department of Architecture, Faculty of Engineering, Universitas Gadjah Mada held a general lecture entitled *Spatial Management of Central Java Province* on Friday night (17/3). The keynote speaker was the Governor of Central Java Province, Ganjar Pranowo.

At his presentation, Ganjar explained many developments of spatial management in Central Java region. One of his programs on spatial management in Central Java is the province establishment based on local potential. According to Ganjar, at least there are agro minapolitan and industries in Northern and Southern parts of Central Java.

On tourism sector, the Governor managed various tourism spots in Central Java, such as Borobudur temple in Magelang Regency, Sangiran in Sragen Regency, Karimunjawa in Jepara Regency, and Dieng in Wonosobo Regency.

“Those four tourism spots become the focus of Central Java Government on the development of world class tourism sector,” said Ganjar.



Meanwhile, Ganjar also managed transportation sector which is by reactivating the unused railroads. One of them is railroad in Ambarawa, Semarang Regency. According to the Governor, the railroads track in Ambarawa is one of three uphill railroads in the world. However, there are several obstacles in ensuring its continuity because much of the railroads tracks has been converted by the local inhabitants for settlement.

Besides Ambarawa railroads track, reactivation is also conducted in other regions including railroads tracks of Purwokerto-Semarang and Surakarta-Semarang lines,” said Ganjar.

On transportation sector, Ganjar is also concerned with the main facility which is the main road. He notes there are approximately 18,000 potholes on many national main roads in Central Java region. Those potholes often caused accident and fatalities. “The repairs are conducted gradually from one road to the others,” he added.

To reach the spatial development targets, Ganjar said it also needs bureaucracy behavior management. The employees behavior in bureaucracy will influence their performance in doing their jobs. According to Ganjar, parameters of a good performance are easy, low-cost, and fast. “Out of those parameters, employees should work accountably and transparently,” Ganjar emphasized.

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