



Report of Preparatory Visit to Indonesia, October 2014

Hasti Tarekat, the Senior Program Coordinator of CIE, travelled to Indonesia in October 2014 to lead two programs. The first was about Public Private Partnership (PPP) and the second explored how to use historical data for city historical development. These programs were conducted based on cooperation between a number of institutions in Indonesia and the Netherlands. Besides this, meetings were also held in various cities to introduce the CIE Indonesia Desk.

1. PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) PROGRAM

Partners: Cultural Heritage Agency of the Netherlands, Stadsherstel Amsterdam, Indonesia Heritage Cities Network and Indonesia Heritage Trust.

The idea of PPP for heritage conservation was firstly introduced to Indonesia in 2013 with a workshop for municipalities and the private sector. An important message stemming from PPP practices in other countries is that the government and private sector have to cooperate to ensure that investment will be beneficial not only for the investors but also for general public. Government agencies need to support private investment through policies and regulations. Private investors also need to have some percentage of idealism to save heritage aside from proportional profit making goals.

In 2014 identifying potential pilot PPP projects for implementation followed up the workshop. The team consisted of Peter Timmer from the Cultural Heritage of the Netherlands, Punto Wijayanto from the Indonesian Heritage Cities Network, Rajiv Patel from the City Heritage Centre Ahmedabad India and Hasti Tarekat from the Centre for International Heritage Activities.

There were three cities chosen for potential pilot projects, Semarang, Yogyakarta and Jakarta. The team visited each of these cities between 19-24 October 2014 to meet related government agencies and private investors who have invested in historical buildings.

Hasti Tarekat has a special mission to convey a specific idea as an inspiration of private investment, called "stadsherstel" (city restoration), a model from the Netherlands. Why is this model attractive and important? There are many cities in the Netherlands that have city restoration companies, but the largest and oldest one is the Stadsherstel Amsterdam. This company was established in 1956 and despite a central focus to save the unique cityscape of Amsterdam, they still manage to make a profit every single year.

If we can demonstrate to the private sector that investment in historical buildings and areas are profitable, surely there will be many of them who would consider the idea.

Rajiv Patel represented the private sector from Ahmedabad India as an example of PPP practices within similar developing countries in Asia. Peter Timmer represented the government sector and shared his experience of how a government could create a preferable condition for private investment. Ponto Wijayanto led a discussion with some city representatives during the wrap-up seminar to get their impressions, understand their aspirations and to discuss the challenges.

The PPP working visits to the three cities was followed up by a general training seminar in Jakarta hosted by the Ministry of Public Works. It was planned to pursue a follow up PPP program in the coming years by assisting the implementation process.

2. HISTORICAL DATA FOR CITY HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Partners: National Archives of the Netherlands, the Cultural Heritage Agency of the Netherlands, National Archives of Indonesia, Centre for Architecture Documentary, Indonesia Heritage Cities Network and Indonesia Heritage Trust.

Archives are important elements in heritage conservation but not all related stakeholders are familiar with accessing and using the archives. This is especially the case in Indonesia. To address the situation, some institutions collaborated to conduct a two-day workshop titled “Historical Data for City Historical Development” in Jakarta, 27-28 October 2014. Besides the institutions mentioned above, two experts led this workshop from the Netherlands; Pauline K. Van Roosmalen and Huib Akihary, who are both researchers and writers in the field of heritage conservation.

About thirty participants representing government sectors, especially municipalities, and non-government sectors such as heritage societies, university researchers as well as individual heritage practitioners, attended the workshop. Each group delivered a kind of case study prior to the workshop with information of what kind of archives they were going to search and why.

The first day consisted of introductory sessions with presentations from both countries especially about know-how of archives search and use. The second day was more practical, carrying out some exercises and discussions. The exercises triggered enthusiasm as this was the first time that many participants had dealt with archives and they learned how to search and interpret the old and fragile documents.

After the workshop many participants gave positive feedback and suggested to conduct these kinds of workshops again in the near future.

3. CIE INDONESIA DESK

MEDAN, NORTH SUMATRA

CIE’s Senior Program Coordinator Hasti Tarekat visited Medan in North Sumatra to deliver a presentation during a seminar on “Historical Building Conservation and

Management of Heritage City of Medan” in the North Sumatra University, 3 November 2014. The other speaker from the Netherlands was Cor Passchier who spoke about “The Old Town into Trouble”. The Vice Governor of North Sumatra, Tengku Erry Nuradi, and Rector of the North Sumatra University, Syahril Pasaribu, opened this seminar.

The host of the seminar, Sumatra Heritage Trust, was pleased with the visits by the Dutch professionals and would like to pursue further cooperation in the future. There is now a plan in 2015 to organize a regional gathering for all heritage societies and heritage cities in Sumatra Island in cooperation with Dutch institutions including CIE.

BANDUNG, WEST JAVA

Hasti Tarekat visited Bandung; the capital of West Java to have a meeting with the Monuments Board Team made of representatives from the Municipality of Bandung, Bandung Institute of Technology and Bandung Heritage Society. The main task of the team is to provide assistance and advice to the local government on heritage conservation. They have asked assistance from the Netherlands about heritage management in general and specifically about the archives of Bandung which are kept in the Netherlands.

The municipality of Bandung has surveyed historical buildings in the city, numbering almost 1500 buildings. Not all them are protected yet and to decide which are eligible to protect they need historical data and information. CIE will advise and assist the Team in the process in the coming years.