



Activity Update

Regional and National Officials Share Ideas for Intercity Railway Development on Java

The National Railway Master Plan (NRMP) currently being refined by the Government of Indonesia addresses many facets of railway operation, including the future role of intercity passenger services. The provision of efficient and affordable intercity services can cut down on traffic congestion, reduce road crashes, and make it more convenient and affordable for citizens to travel by rail between cities. Development of a sound intercity system depends on close coordination among different regions and careful consideration of input from a variety of informed sources.

In recognition of this need for input and collaboration, the Directorate General of Railways (DGR) within the Ministry of Transportation held a series of Focus Group Discussions (FGD) that solicited detailed feedback from national and regional entities. One such FGD was held on 12 May, 2010 at the Shangri-La Hotel in Surabaya with the assistance of the Indonesia Infrastructure Initiative, and included participants from DGR, the Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs, and local planning and transport staff from West Java, East Java, Banten, Surabaya City, and Yogyakarta, as well as consultants, private sector and university representatives.

Presentations and Feedback

The FGD began with presentations that addressed the vision for railway development to 2030, whether or not very high-speed rail has a role to play, local government empowerment, private sector participation, and the need to enhance railway physical infrastructure. In the discussion that followed, participants debated the role of toll roads, emphasised the need to plan in advance, considered which routes need to be developed so that port and other access can be improved, and discussed the relative roles of national and local governments. The points that were raised will be incorporated into the NRMP. ●

“We must develop new paradigms for railway development in Indonesia, taking into consideration the many dimensions of a sound railway system, including physical infrastructure, facilities, human resources, and the roles of national and regional governments and the private sector.”

– Ir. Nugroho Indrio
Secretary

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Panel speakers at the Focus Group Discussion.

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