

Think Locally and Act Globally towards a Creative Metropolitan Development

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ABSTRACT

In terms of finding a competitive metropolitan development in the global context, an ability to recognize and formulate all local resources as productivity factors to elevate sustainable metropolitan development is needed. In particular, a creative way is needed to make all local resources can be meaningful in global context. “Think locally” is a reflection of a mandatory requirement in developing an extensive urban and regional planning knowledge in order to compile, analyze, and formulate all local resources to make a competitive metropolitan development. “Act globally” is a reflection of metropolitan development which has to be able to compete not in local level but also in the international level.

This theoretical paper will focus on how to begin to create metropolitan development competitiveness in international level by recognizing all local resources. In particular, such effort will be limited into several aspects, such as: 1). Adapting sustainability concern in metropolitan development as a reflection that to plan is for the future generation; 2). Adapting and understanding the global urban system, especially in terms of goods-services-capital-information flow, network among metropolitan in the world, exploration of uniqueness of Indonesian metropolitan development, and to increase local knowledge to deal with information age; 3). How to use information and communication technology (ICT) to intensify accessibility and productivity of metropolitan development by advancing local resources as prospective and unique economic commodities in the global context to drive creative metropolitan development.

In conclusion, Global diversity is a potential to create competitive economic development in globalization process. Metropolitan area is the best agent for creating regional competitiveness since metropolitan is a place where sophisticated social value, market value, and ecological value bind together in formulating great transitions scenario for the future by taking sustainability initiative as a forefront in creative activity, especially: conservation, preservation, energy efficiency, and regional resilience.

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