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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Readers,

Tourism is one of the primary sectors in the province of West Papua. This is what prompted this second edition of West Papua Tabloid to expound on the tourism potential of the region of West Papua.

West Papua Province has amazing tourism potential and is not inferior with other regions in Indonesia. You will not see the remarkable natural beauty of West Papua's land and sea in other regions.

Other than the world-famous Raja Ampat, this province also has many interesting attractions, such as the *Cendrawasih* Bay National Park (TNTC) in Teluk Wondama Regency, mountain Tourism in Arfak Mountains Regency and a number of tourism attractions in other areas, which can be alternative tours for both domestic and foreign tourists.

President Joko Widodo paid serious attention to the tourism sector. The tourism sector is the third largest contributor to the country's revenues.

Currently, the government is boosting the tourism sector to increase state revenues. Tourism Minister Arif Yahya is amply active in creating 10 new tourism destinations that are parallel to Bali. Through the tourism program, people's economy will grow well.

Indonesia, including West Papua, does not only possess natural beauty. The people of this country are friendly and each

region has its culinary wealth. All this affluence is strong enough to attract visitors. The natural beauty, the society's affability, and its culinary wealth serve as a capital in advancing the region.

It is time for the provincial and district / municipality governments, private and other stakeholders to continuously synergize to advance West Papua's tourism. The tourism sector in the region should be motivated and given stimulus to spur tourist visits.

Indonesian tourists do not need to go abroad in the future. Going around Indonesia is satisfying enough because their country's tourism attractions are better. On the other hand, it is more beneficial for the domestic monetary circulation.

In this second edition, we are also presenting data regarding West Papua's economic development achievement in 2016, which grew by 4.52 percent and is higher than the 2015 economic growth of 4.15%.

Based on the results of the Economic Census of 2016, macro stability continued with inflation rate at 3.78%, in April 2017, and the welfare of the community improved. We ought to be grateful with the various achievements and economic growth. As a relatively new province, West Papua needs to grow faster and have more equity because it will impact on efforts of alleviating poverty and inequality. In addition, it has to make sure that it increases availability of employment and community welfare equivalent to other provinces in Indonesia. Enjoy reading.

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