

Status of Establishment Plan of the Aceh Heritage Tsunami Estate (AHTE)

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The December 2004 tsunami disaster in Aceh has destroyed many lives, many infrastructures and many hopes. The catastrophe leaves a landmark of immense devastation. Aceh Heritage Tsunami Estate (AHTE) is planned to be established for transforming this devastation into new hopes and contributing into development of public awareness culture for natural hazard mitigation. AHTE is designed to serve Aceh community though Participatory Approaches. These approaches aim to encourage the active involvement of local people in all aspects of the planning, development, and management of the estate. It is therefore aimed that within 5 years, AHTE should become an integral part of and thereby supporting the Aceh community in the long run. AHTE consist of a multi-facet Aceh Heritage-Tsunami Museum, a multi-functional Cultural Centre, a multi-disciplinary Institute and a City & Research Park linked to it. These components house intangible components as their 'spirit' and 'soul' that are much desirable to be an integral parts of the estate. AHTE will consist of the four following complementary components, namely: a multi-facet Aceh Heritage-Tsunami MUSEUM; a multi-functional Aceh Heritage-Tsunami CULTURAL CENTRE linked to the museum; a multi-disciplinary Aceh Heritage-Tsunami RESEARCH INSTITUTE (AHTRI) linked to the assets and needs of Aceh; and an advanced Aceh Heritage-Tsunami RESEARCH PARKS linked to AHTRI. These four components will include both "hard" (buildings) and "soft" (activities) developments. This paper will present the status of AHTE establishment plan, along the encountered contraints and problem.