

# PROBLEMS AND CRITICS TOWARD WATER MANAGEMENT IN MEGACITIES: A CASE IN INDONESIA

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#### INTRODUCTION

#### **Background**

- Exhaustion of environment in megacities due to urbanization and industrialization
- Increasing number of megacities in developing countries
- The importance of clean water availability for survival and economic development

- To present current stands of clean water problems in Jakarta
- To pose critics toward Jakarta's water management

## **FACTS AND FIGURES**

#### a) General Detail of Jakarta

Area: 662 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: ca. 13 million<sup>1</sup> (19,600 people/ km2)

Rainfall: 1500-2500 mm/ year

#### b) Problematical Issues

- Decreasing groundwater level by up to 5 m/year<sup>2</sup>
- Land subsidence rate of around 10 cm/year<sup>3</sup>
- Jakarta regular flooding (in 2007: damage of USD 2.05 bln.4)
- Seawater intrusion

# c) Constitution and Regulations

- The Indonesian Constitution (Article 33 year 1945) regulates about the government' control over natural resources, the use of the resources for the welfare of the whole citizens, and democracy/ cooperative based economy
- The water management should be based on cooperative/ collective principle (Law No.11 year 1974)
- Water privatization took place only based on Presidential Decree No. 96 year 2000; the new water law that legitimates the role of private sector in water sector came later (Water Law No. 7 year 2004)

# d) Water Supply Operators In DKI Jakarta Province:

1922 - 1998

PAM Jaya (the state-owned enterprise) Since 1998

**Private Sector Participation** (25-year concession contracts)



#### e) Comparison of the expected and achieved water supply condition in Jakarta after the privatization

	Condition in 1996	Expected condition in 2002	Achievement in 2002
Groundwater overexploitation	Severe	Reduced	No significant reduction
Service coverage	41%	70%	West: 44.2% East: 62.2%
Unaccounted for water	57%	35%	West: 45.3% East: 48.3%
Water sold (million m3/year)	176	342	255
Source: Lanti. 2006 <sup>5</sup>			

#### **FINDINGS**

# **Management of Competences**

# **Technology**

Choices of appropriate technology

Implementation of the chosen technology

Control mechanism of the application

## **Networking**

Creating partnership with private sector and community

> Maintaining cooperation at all levels

#### **Behaviour**

Knowledge about the facts and problems

Competences to tackle the problems

Commitment to act properly

## Regulation

Construction of adequate and appropriate water policy and law

Policy and law enforcement

Control of the implementation

## Marketing

**Promoting** awareness. motivation, and active participation in water management at all levels

#### Suggestion for Future Research

- Consider suitable technology, incl. big centralized as well as small decentralized projects; not just following trends.
- Identify alternatives of privatization; involving community as active participants.
- Generate incentives to influence people's behaviour and to make participation in water management attractive.
- Create proper policies to combine the efforts of providing clean water supply and pollution prevention.
- Find effective and efficient marketing approach to promote awareness, motivation and active participation.

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