

PRESS RELEASE
IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ENTERING BALI
REQUIRES A CONDUCIVE SITUATION AND WELL PREPARATION

1. The Covid-19 pandemic that happened in 215 countries in the world , including Indonesia and Bali, has an extensive and serious impact in various living sectors, health, social, and economic, including tourism, which applies to the Balinese community in general.
2. In handling the Covid-19 pandemic, in accordance with the directions and policies from central government, TNI / Polri, Attorney, Provincial Government of Bali together with city/municipality governments in Bali, tradisional village council (Majelis Desa Adat), Religious Council (Majelis Keagamaan), traditional village (Desa Adat), Village / Kelurahan, and society components have work together, both in seen and unseen universe, so Bali can achieve good results in controlling the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic. This good result are marked by the controlled new positive cases (total cumulatively total of 4,446 Covid-19 cases), high recovery rates (reaching 3,881 people, 87.29%), and Thanks to God, the number of people who died due to Covid-19 in Bali is relatively low (52 people, 1.17%).
3. The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic to Bali economy is apparent, i.e. ceased tourism, the decrease in income from sales for micro, small, medium, enterprises and cooperatives, decrease sales of agricultural products and the people's handicraft industry, which resulted in a contraction in Bali's economic growth (negative growth in the first quarter of -1.14% and in the second quarter of -10.98%). The continuation in the formal sector of the tourism service business has experienced layoffs (PHK) as many as 2,667 people and as many as 73,631 people are on unpaid leave.
4. Therefore, 2 (two) things must be done simultaneously, Firstly, improvement in handling Covid-19, considering that until now there has not been found a vaccine and medicine to cure the people; Secondly, start activities and efforts in the context of economic recovery for the community livelihood.
5. The Governor of Bali, together with the Regents / Mayors in Bali have agreed to implement productive and safe community activities in gradual, selective, and limited way by implementing the new era life protocol. The phases are as follows:
 - Phase one, implement limited and selective activities only for Bali local community scope, started from July 9, 2020 which coincides with a good day, on Thursday Umanis Sintha. For this first phase, according to the directives from national Task Force for the Acceleration of Handling Covid-19, the implementation of the new era life order, which allows limited to the following sectors: a. Health; b. government offices; c. customs/traditon and religion; d. finance; industry; trading; logistic; transportation; cooperative; micro small and medium enterprise; traditional market; modern market; restaurant; and stalls; e. agriculture, plantation, marine / fishery, and livestock; and f. services and construction.

- Phase two, implement wider activities, including the tourism sector, but only limited to domestic tourists, starting July 31, 2020, which coincides with a good date, Friday, Pon Kulantir.
 - Phase Three, is planned to implement extensive activities in tourism sector, including for foreign tourists, starting September 11, 2020, which coincides with Friday, Kliwon Sungsang, Sugihan Bali.
6. The activities of the first and second phases have been relatively good and successful. The evaluation results show that the activities of the first and second stages did not have an impact on the Covid-19 case; no increase in Covid-19 cases, no new cluster of Covid-19 cases. The emergence of new cases of Covid-19 can be controlled, the cure rate is higher, and the death rate can be controlled. Since its opening on July 31, 2020, the number of domestic / domestic tourists visiting Bali through the I Gusti Ngurah Rai airport gate has increased by more than 100%. Until August 14, 2020, the number of domestic tourists passing through I Gusti Ngurah Rai airport has reached around 2,300 - 2,500 people per day.
 7. Related to the planning of phase three, the commencement of tourism activities for foreign tourists, it is necessary to carefully consider the following:
 - a. The Regulation of the Minister of Law and Human Rights of the Republic of Indonesia Number 11 of 2020 concerning the Temporary Prohibition for Foreigners to Enter the Territory of the Republic of Indonesia is still effective.
 - b. The Indonesian government still enforces a policy that prohibits citizens from traveling abroad, at least until the end of 2020. In line with that, the Indonesian government has also not been able to open the access for foreign tourists to Indonesia until the end of 2020, because Indonesia is still categorized as a red zone. The situation in Indonesia is not yet conducive to allow foreign tourists to visit Indonesia, including visiting Bali.
 - c. There is not a single country in the world that has implemented a policy to allow its citizens to leave their country. Even countries in the world impose very strict activity restriction policies on their citizens because the Covid-19 pandemic is still increasing, threatening the health and safety of their citizens. For example, Australia, whose citizens travel to Bali the most, is only planning to allow its citizens to travel in 2021. Likewise, China, Korea, Japan, and countries in Europe.
 - d. Principally, the central government strongly supports the plan of the Bali provincial government to restore tourism, by opening the door to foreign tourists visiting Bali. However, it requires caution, must not be rushed, and requires careful preparation. This is due to Bali's position as the world's main tourist destination, which is highly dependent on and has an impact on the world's public trust in Indonesia, including Bali. Bali's tourism recovery efforts must not fail because it will have a negative impact on the image of Indonesia, including Bali, which could have counterproductive consequences for tourism recovery efforts.
 - e. The central government provides directions for the Bali Provincial Government to refine the procedures, systems, and infrastructure so that the recovery of Bali tourism can be

implemented smoothly and successfully, while maintaining control on the Covid-19 pandemic properly. Related to when foreign tourists will be allowed to visit Bali, it is highly depends on the assessment on both domestic and international situations.

8. Therefore, until the end of 2020, the Provincial Government of Bali will optimize efforts to bring domestic tourists to Bali to recover tourism and the economy sector.

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