BKPM and Indonesian National Police Ensure Investment Security

Ambon, 7 November 2019 - The Indonesia Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM) organized the Dissemination of Work Guidelines in seeking investment protection and security for the business world. This activity was run as an implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between BKPM and the Indonesian National Police (POLRI) in 2016. This event also ended a series of 7 promulgation activities in major cities throughout Indonesia.

In this event, the Deputy of Investment Controlling and Implementation (Dalaks) BKPM collaborated with POLRI, the Provincial Government of Maluku, the One-Stop Investment Integrated Service (DPMPTSP) of Maluku Province and Regency/City of Maluku. Attended by around 100 participants from POLRI, associations, and businessmen, this activity is expected to be a communication media to exchange information about the ongoing investment project activities which require supports, especially in the area of investment security.

Special Staff to the BKPM Chairman Rohalim Boy Sangadji said that President Joko Widodo has provided clear direction in terms of investment: foreign and large capital investors who come to the regions to partner with local entrepreneurs and encourage the investment realization. "Investment that comes to Maluku is later encouraged to partner with MSMEs or local entrepreneurs. In fact, having a local partner can also guarantee the security of investing because local partners usually possess a better understanding about their region," said Boy, his nickname.

Boy also added, "the establishment of Task Force to Accelerate Investment Realization should become a real effort. The Task Force must be able to provide solutions to overcome investment obstacles that interfere with investment security such as spatial planning, location permits, or regulations overlap."

Director of Regional IV of Deputy Chairman for Investment Controlling and Implementation unit Yos Harmen warmly welcomed the statement with an encouragement to utilize the investment Task Force in solving investment issues in Maluku. Types of issues are land RT RW, the inconsistent licensing regulations between the central and the regionals, infrastructure, disputes among investors, employment and thuggery / security disturbances.

The representative of the Governor of Maluku Province Lutfi Rumba stated that the improvement of conducive atmosphere to guarantee investments and the development of the tourism sector becomes the focus of Maluku medium-term development planning (RPJMD). "Investment reduces poverty through the creation of labor, both FDI and DDI. The budget of the central government is still lacking to develop our region. Therefore, we hope that investment in Maluku becomes the central government's focus. "The construction of the Masela Block LNG refinery is expected to operate soon to grow business activities in the Maluku region," Lutfi said.

Representing POLRI, other speakers also presented in this event: the Intelligence and Security Agency (Baintelkam), Security Maintenance Agency (Baharkam), Criminal Investigation Agency (Bareskrim), and Maluku Provincial Police. Since the presidential election campaign this year, the issue of investment security in Maluku Province has been even greater because it is ridden with political issues. However, this issue is continuously monitored by POLRI units in the regions through various intelligence functions, public order guidance, and police operations. The
Indonesian National Police is ready to partner with BKPM, the Provincial Government and the Regency Government in carrying out its functions.

Various forms of cooperation between BKPM and POLRI that have been running since the MoU include the provision of Official in Charge for the exchange of information and data, the preparation of mutual steps for the security, and the implementation of regular discussion forums. In addition, POLRI has also provided a Person in Charge at BKPM to facilitate business licensing services in business fields related to POLRI's authority.

Based on investment realization data from January to September 2019, the investment value of Domestic Direct Investment (DDI) and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Maluku Province worth IDR 283.2 billion and USD 32.6 million consecutively. There are 57 DDI projects and 34 FDI projects that are currently running. DDI projects are dominated by the Electricity, Gas and Water sectors. The ravishing sectors for PMA entrepreneurs are fisheries, with foreign origin countries are mostly come from Australia, the Netherlands, and British Virgin Island.

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