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A photograph of two men in a meeting. The man on the left is older, with grey hair and glasses, wearing a dark blue suit jacket over a white shirt. The man on the right is younger, with dark hair and a mustache, wearing a white button-down shirt with 'HMR' on the pocket. They are both gesturing with their hands while talking. In the background, a 'BP BATAM' logo is visible on a wall.

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# Investment Flourished in First Half of 2023

## Top 5 Countries

that have Invested the most in Batam  
First Half of 2023



**Singapore**  
USD 225.4 M



**France**  
USD 34.3 M



**Hong Kong**  
USD 34.2 M



**China**  
USD 18.5 M



**Malaysia**  
USD 10.9 M

## Foreign Direct Investment

USD 348.1 M  
1,687 Project

## Domestic Investment

USD 181.3 M  
3,103 Project

## Total Investment USD 529.4 M

▲ 27.81%

\* from the preceding year

Source : Ministry of Investment / The Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM)



In the initial half of 2023, Batam has experienced substantial growth in its investment landscape, originating from both foreign and domestic sources. This trend, highlighted by data from the Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM), reflects a promising economic trajectory driven by strategic factors. During this period, Batam attracted 1,687 Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) projects, amassing \$348.1 million USD or approximately IDR 5.2 trillion, marking a 1.56% increase from the previous year. The region's investor-friendly policies and strategic geographical location have cemented its appeal to international businesses.

Simultaneously, domestic investment has played a crucial role in Batam's economic surge. The first half of 2023 saw the region embrace 3,103 domestic investment projects valued at IDR 2.7 trillion, signifying a remarkable 153.58% rise from the prior year. This growth can be attributed to increased purchasing power and government initiatives fostering a conducive investment environment. Overall, Batam's investments totaled \$529.4 million USD, showcasing a robust 27.81% expansion from the preceding year. This growth underscores investor confidence in diverse economic sectors within Batam, reinforced by the government's effective cultivation of an appealing investment climate.

Notably, leading investors in Batam hail from countries such as Singapore (\$225.4 million USD), France (\$34.4 million USD), Hong Kong (\$34.2 million USD), China (\$18.6 million USD), and Malaysia (\$10.9 million USD), highlighting the region's global investment appeal. The computer, electronic, and optical industries, followed closely by the food industry. The impressive investment growth witnessed in Batam's first semester of 2023 paints an optimistic outlook, underpinned by governmental efforts and collaborative ventures within sectors. These collective endeavors continue to solidify Batam's status as a lucrative investment destination, fostering sustainable economic expansion and progress. (DN)



Launched Spatial Geoportal

# BP Batam Launched Spatial Geoportal with BIG

**B**adan Pengusahaan Batam (BP) Batam and the Geospatial Information Agency/ Badan Informasi Geospasial (BIG) formally unveiled the BP Batam Spatial Geoportal on Monday, 24 July 2023 at BP Batam Head Office.

The Chairman of BP Batam, Muhammad Rudi, and the Head of BIG, Muh Aris Marfai launched the geoportal system. Batam is indeed proud to be the pioneer of having the Spatial Geoportal within Riau Islands Province. BIG's Head also emphasized that geospatial data was important for the world of investment in Batam as it will provide a map of place/ space with all spatial data to facilitate investment in Batam.

Above all, there are numerous applications for geospatial data, including land data, fatwaplanology, infrastructure, industrial zones, Special Economic Zones (SEZ), ports, airports, tourism attractions, among others.

As a result, Law No. 4 of 2011 on Geospatial Information and the mandate of the central government through the one map policy are both manifested in the establishment of the

BP Batam Spatial Geoportal, which will benefit both BP Batam and Indonesia’s development strategy. Finally, the collected and developed Spatial Geoportal will play a significant part in Batam investment. (RDP/FD)





# American Green Energy Company POWIN LLC Visited Batam

To become a modern industrial city with sound environmental knowledge and robust infrastructure, Batam aims to become “Batam New City” by 2029.

In heading to “Batam New City”, Batam has challenges such as garbage, waste, pollution and climate change. By building public transportation, sustainable green energy, waste management and using recyclable materials in various fields, these challenges are hoped to be overcome.

Recently, POWIN LLC, an American company that is active in the battery storage sector, which is crucial for the growth of green energy, paid a visit to the Badan Pengusahaan Batam (BP Batam), which serves as the manager of Batam, on 18 July 2023. In addition to Indonesia, POWIN LLC has manufacturing operations in Vietnam, China, and Mexico.

The purpose of the meeting was to explore POWIN LLC’s investment in the investment sector of Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Manufacturing in Batam because



Discussion Between BP Batam and POWIN LLC



BP Batam and POWIN LCC

Batam is considered the best option besides having good infrastructure as well as having fiscal policies that support the investment climate.

POWIN LLC stated that it would conduct a study first if deemed appropriate then in the next few months it would register its investment, while it took 12 months to prepare for the construction of the factory and it is expected to start production within the next 24 months, POWIN will also use 60 per cent local content, much higher than the minimum requirement of only 40 per cent local content.

Currently, Batam is the belle of the world's green energy companies, there are already several companies that have invested and several more that will operate in the next few years.



Not only that, Batam will also build a floating solar power plant, the results of which will be used domestically and exported to the neighbourhood country. (IB)



# Breakthrough Collaboration of Hazardous Waste Management and Medical in Batam

**R**E Sustainability Cleantech Pte Ltd, a prominent American waste management company based in Singapore and India, is a leading waste management company in India and expanding investment in Singapore.

Expressed its interest in exploring collaboration opportunities in solid and medical waste management in Batam. Mr. Danish Suleman, the Strategy & Business Development Manager of the company, visited BP Batam on Friday, 21 July 2023 and was warmly received by Ariastuty Sirait, Head Bureau for Public Relations, Promotion, and Protocol, along with Iyus Rusmana, General Manager for Environmental Management, and their respective teams.



Discussion Between BP Batam and RE Sustainability Cleantech Pte Ltd



During the visit, he expressed keen interest in understanding the potential for cooperation in managing solid and medical waste in the Batam region. The discussions aimed to explore ways to leverage their expertise

and experience to contribute to effective waste management solutions in Batam, paving the way for a potential partnership that could benefit both parties. (ID)



This discussion is good, I hope it will produce good progress and increase relations. Matters related to the environment must begin to be designed to reduce carbon emissions and the potential for the greenhouse effect"

**Iyus Rusmana**

(General Manager for Environmental Management)



We are very interested, We, we also bring investment with technology. And we can collaborate together for this"

**Danish Suleman**

(RE Sustainability Cleantech Pte Ltd)



## BP Batam, KJRI, and KJP Healthcare Berhad Meet to Discuss Cooperation

Chairman of BP Batam, Muhammad Rudi received a visit from the Indonesian Consulate General in Johor Bahru (*Konsulat Jenderal Republik Indonesia - KJRI*), Sigit S. Widiyanto who came to Batam with the KPJ Kuala Lumpur Healthcare Berhad Delegation on Friday, 28 July 2023 at the Marketing Center, BP Batam.

KJRI in Johor Bahru came with OIC KPJ Healthcare Berhad, Pn Norhaizam Mohammad with Coo KPJ Healthcare Berhad, Yh Dato' Mohammad Farid Salim;

RCEO KPJ Southern, Eh Mohd Azhar Abdullah; the Johor Bahru Ministry of Foreign Affairs delegation; as well as the Indonesian Investment Promotion Center Singapore delegation.

This meeting was a continuation of the discussion regarding the potential for cooperation in the development of the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) for International Health in Sekupang.

KPJ Healthcare Berhad is the largest private hospital in Malaysia with 42 years





of experience until now it has opened 29 Hospital Health facilities in Malaysia, Thailand, Bangladesh and Australia, including in Jakarta Indonesia.

After several times exploring the potential for cooperation with International Hospitals such as Dubai and India, then experiencing a number of requirements constraints. Now, BP Batam is optimistic that the possibility of cooperation with KJP Johor Bahru can be seriously followed up.

This also received a warm welcome from KJRI in Johor Bahru, Sigit S. Widiyanto and OIC KPJ Healthcare Berhad, Pn Norhaizam Mohammad. His party sees an opportunity for cooperation with BP Batam to improve health facilities for Indonesian people in Batam. (AW)



# BP Batam Sails to Success: 7 Years of Unwavering Financial Excellence and Transformation

**B**adan Pengusahaan Batam (BP Batam) has once again achieved the highest recognition by receiving an Unqualified Opinion (*Wajar Tanpa Pengecualian* or WTP) from the Financial Audit Agency (*Badan Pemeriksaan Keuangan* or BPK) for its Financial Report of 2022. This is the seventh consecutive year that BP Batam has obtained the prestigious WTP, reflecting its strong financial management and adherence to government accounting standards. The award was presented by a member of

BPK RI, Ahmadi Noor Supit, who praised - BP Batam for its compliance with regulations and effective internal control systems, leading to a smooth and successful audit process.

In addition to the WTP opinion, BP Batam was also recognized for achieving over 90 percent in follow-up actions based on the examination by BPK RI within the scope of the Financial Audit Agency V BPK RI. The achievement highlights BP Batam's commitment to continuously improving





Ahmadi Noor Supit (BPK RI)

Muhammad Rudi (BP Batam's Chairman)

financial management and reflects the dedication of its management team in ensuring sound financial practices. Moreover, Ahmadi Noor Supit appreciated the rapid development in Batam, acknowledging the city's significant progress and transformation supported by improved infrastructure. He expressed admiration for the development and pride in Batam's accomplishments, making Indonesia proud.

BP Batam's Chairman, Muhammad Rudi, expressed gratitude and pride for the achievement, attributing it to the hard work of all involved parties.

He emphasized BP Batam's commitment to transparency and accountability in financial management and pledged to maintain a trend of completing follow-up actions above 90 percent. The achievement serves as a driving force for BP Batam to continue improving budget accountability and organizational performance, furthering the city's progress and development. (DN)





Mr. Vincent Picket with Chairman and Vice Chairman of BP Batam

## European Union Ambassador Visit

**B**P Batam received a visit from the European Union Ambassador to Indonesia and Brunei Darussalam, Mr. Vincent Picket, on Tuesday, 4 July 2023. The meeting took place at the BP Batam Meeting Room.

On this occasion, Muhammad Rudi hoped that the visit could strengthen bilateral relations between Indonesia and the European Union and this meeting will also have an impact on the future investment development of Batam City.

BP Batam also committed to maintaining the investment climate in Batam with several strategic steps such as accelerating infrastructure development and providing convenience in obtaining permits. With the acceleration of development and investment realization, Rudi is optimistic that Batam City's economic growth will also increase.

Meanwhile, the European Union Ambassador to Indonesia and Brunei Darussalam, Mr. Vincent Picket, put a sense of admiration for the development of Batam City. Especially in the manufacturing industry sector.





Vincent said the strategic location of Batam City was the main factor in the success of the current development.

Not only that, Vincent also alluded to the completion of the Indonesia-European Union Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (IEU-CEPA) negotiations.

In which, Indonesia and the European Union agreed to overcome various problems related to trade disputes and pushed for the IEU CEPA agreement to be an alternative solution to economic, trade and investment problems between the two parties. (BM)



# PT TEC is a Business that has been Operating in Batam for 31 Years and is Still Expanding

In July 2023, PT TEC Indonesia, which is located in the Batamindo Industrial Park Industrial area, celebrates its 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary. PT TEC Indonesia is a company engaged in electronics manufacturing and is part of TOSHIBA TEC Singapore.

PT TEC Indonesia, which was founded in 1992, has expanded steadily since then. From a single building to four, 72 tenants, and roughly 1,500 staff now.



Mr. Shingo Hamamura (PT Tec Indonesia) and Mr. Purwiyanto (Vice Chairman of BP Batam)



The parent firm of PT TEC Indonesia is the Japanese Toshiba TEC Corporation, which was established in 1950 and has 59 companies outside of Japan and 18,906 employees in total.

PT. TEC Indonesia, Mr Shingo Hamamura, appreciated the strategic role of the Badan Pengusahaan Batam (BP Batam) in supporting PT TEC Indonesia and facilitating conducive investment in Batam, by accelerating licensing and connectivity that supports production to good cooperation for decades.

“With the support of BP Batam, we have been able to operate quite successfully up until this point, and we are extremely grateful for the chance that has been provided. And moving forward, we are committed to growing investment in Batam,” Mr Shingo Hamamura said.

With more than 30 years PT TEC Indonesia establishing companies in Batam proves Batam has a very good investment climate, so companies that invest not only survive the global crisis but can develop. (IB)



# Coffee Morning BP Batam with Singapore Businesspeople in Batam

**B**adan Pengusahaan Batam (BP Batam) in collaboration with the Singapore Consulate General in Batam hosted a Coffee Morning BP Batam with Singapore Businesspeople in Batam on 5 July 2023 at Hotel Santika Batam. Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB) and Enterprise Singapore, as well as more than 40 Singapore businesspeople based in Batam and Singapore, participated in this engagement.

Vice Chairman of BP Batam, Purwiyanto opened the coffee morning event by expressing his optimism that collaboration between BP Batam and Singapore will continue to flourish, particularly in the business sector. On the other hand, Batam has always thrived in terms of economic

growth, as evidenced by the fact that in 2022, Batam registered an extraordinary economic growth of 6.84 percent compared to the national average of 5.31 percent, and foreign investment totaled USD 746.8 million.

Furthermore, this event aimed to be a gathering place and forum for discussion between BP Batam and foreign investors, in this case Singapore businesspeople, regarding the most recent data and regulations related to taxation, particularly for foreign investment, as well as the most recent regulations in immigration, including Visa on Arrival (VOA), as evidenced by speakers from the Batam Immigration Office and the Regional Office of the Directorate General of Taxes Riau Islands.



Coffee Morning Situation





Mr. Gavin Ang and Mr. Purwiyanto (Vice Chairman of BP Batam)



Consul-General of Singapore in Batam, Gavin Ang stated that Batam was not a new thing for Singaporeans as many Singaporeans had relations to Batam in numerous aspects, particularly in the economic sector.

It is intended that through hosting this coffee morning, the relationship between BP Batam and Singapore businesspeople will remain strong. Finally, BP Batam got favorable feedback from the businesspeople in order to improve future services, and BP Batam is committed to make Batam an investment-friendly industrial area. (MA/FD)





## Belgium Explored Business Opportunities in Batam

**B**atam, Riau Islands Province is increasingly becoming an investment attraction in other parts of the world. With massive infrastructure growth from BP Batam, Batam is becoming an attractive investment destination for investors, one of which is Belgium. Moreover, the strategic location and complete SEZ facilities make Batam a promising business destination. Belgium is known as a distribution center which is supported by its strategic location in Western Europe.

BP Batam, through the Head Bureau for Public Relations, Promotion and Protocols, Ariastuty Sirait received a visit from the Consulate of the Belgian Embassy for Indonesia and Singapore on Monday, 26 June 2023 at the Marketing Center, Batam Center. This visit was also welcomed by the Head for Batam Free Trade and Free Port Zone and Special Economic Zone Development Center, Irfan Syakir Widyasa.





Marc Schiltz, as Commercial Counselor and Kim Demeyer, as Science & Technology Counselor of Embassy of Belgium in Indonesia interested in learning more about Special Economic Zones (SEZ) and explored business opportunities for Belgian business actors, especially the manufacturing sector in Batam. For them, apart from its strategic location, Batam has SEZ with various facilities and ease of licensing.

In Indonesia, there are already 40 companies from Belgium operating and most of them are engaged in the manufacturing sector. They hoped that there would be potential for cooperation after visiting Batam, so that Belgian business actors would be attracted to produce chocolate and beer in Batam. (AW)



# Exploring Street Food *Treasures in Batam*

**B**atam City is well-known for its prime location and a multitude of attractions for tourists. Moreover, it's rich with a variety of delicious street foods that delight the taste buds of its visitors. We will explore some of the popular street food options in Batam City that are sure to tantalize your palate. So, get ready for an exciting culinary journey!

## **Welcome to Batam**

When you arrive in Batam, you'll likely notice the iconic "Welcome to Batam" spot, a famous landmark representing the city's tourism. This area has become a favorite spot for both locals and tourists. You can take memorable selfies here with your loved ones against the backdrop of the "Welcome to Batam" sign.

Back in 2019, the local government transformed this place into a food haven by inviting street vendors to set up shop. This decision ensured that the snacks available are budget-friendly. From local treats to Korean-inspired delights like lok-lok, batagor, dumplings, and tteobokki, along with a diverse range of contemporary beverages.

The location is conveniently situated at the city center, not far from the Batam City Government offices and the Batam City Regional People's Representative Assembly. The vendors begin serving their offerings from 3:00 PM until 2:00 AM.

## **Mega Legenda Street Food**

Located in the Mega Legenda market area in Baloi Permai Village, Batam City District, the Mega Legenda Street Food hub is always bustling with visitors from all walks of life. Mornings here

are vibrant around the market, and the evenings are even more enchanting thanks to the colorful lights. The menu is diverse, featuring seafood, grilled fish, martbak, gejrot tofu, and an array of other snacks. This street food paradise usually buzzes with activity from 4:00 PM until the early hours of the morning. Aside from the food, the street also hosts numerous cafes with various designs. Some of these cafes offer live music for your entertainment, while others provide large screens that visitors often use to watch football matches together. Additionally, there's even a play area for children to enjoy.

## **SP Plaza Street Delights**

The SP Plaza area stands out as one of the busiest places in Batam City, particularly in the Batu Aji region. Its strategic location amidst residential areas and easy access to the main Batu Aji road contribute to its popularity. In the afternoon, the area around SP Plaza becomes a hub for jogging, family walks, and shopping from street vendors and local small businesses.

You'll find a delightful array of snacks here, such as jasuke, chicken pentol, grilled meatballs, crepes, freshly squeezed orange juice, and a variety of fruit juices – all available at affordable prices. These street food options beautifully reflect the rich culture and traditions of the city, making it a warm and friendly experience for visitors.

Let's cherish and preserve this street food heritage in our hearts and minds. Each visit to these culinary gems, offers a chance to explore the local flavors and support the small vendors who bring these delightful treats. (I)



# WELCOME TO BATAM







# The Grand Launch of ONE 15 Marina Nirup Island

On 8 July 2023, was the official launch of One°15 Marina Nirup Island, bringing a significant enhancement to Batam's tourism options and promising an extraordinary experience for visitors.

Managed by SUTL Enterprise and owned by PT Tritunas Sinar Benua, this island is within Batam's Belakang Padang sub-district, just 8 nautical miles (around 13 kilometers) away from Sentosa Island. The journey, conveniently covered in about 30 minutes by private or chartered yachts,

provides easy access to this captivating destination.

The grand launch event was lively and engaging, offering various exciting activities. Attendees could take part in the opening ceremony, explore the Riahi Resident villas on Nirup Island, enjoy a village tour of Belakang Padang, and relax on Nirup Island's pristine beach.

The guest list included esteemed figures such as Budi Karya Sumadi, the Indonesian Minister of Transportation; Ansar Ahmad, Governor of





pict: @one15marinanirupisland

Kepulauan Riau; Suryopratomo, Indonesia's Ambassador to Singapore; and other distinguished guests. A highlight of the opening ceremony was the presentation of a special plaque to Hartono, the president commissioner of Tirta Sinar Benua.

Continued with a 30-minute boat journey from Nirup Island to Belakang Padang Island, followed by an island tour providing insights into local life and showcasing the untouched beauty of nature. Nirup Island's beach club created a joyful ambiance, featuring live music from a DJ and a variety of water-based activities like kayaking and banana boating. Those seeking relief from the sun could enjoy the refreshing swimming pool.

Looking ahead, the full range of amenities and activities on Nirup Island will be available to the public by Q2 2024. This includes a restaurant, a sea sports center, shower and laundry facilities, along with various other accommodations and experiences. (WN)

For more information about this upcoming luxurious paradise, interested individuals can visit their Instagram page: [nirup.island](https://www.instagram.com/nirup.island) or the One°15 Marina website: <https://one15marina.com/nirupisland/>





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