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GOVERNMENT POLICY OF BATAM CITY TOWARDS SOCIAL LIFE OF SEA TRIBES IN KUBONG ISLAND AND TODAK ISLAND, NONGSA DISTRICT, BATAM CITY

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ABSTRACT

The term "Orang Sampan" or "Orang Laut" is used to refer a small scale of an indigenous or ethnic community consisting of several families known to be nomadic which highlights their mobility as they do not stay in one island over a long period. "Orang Sampan" or "Orang Laut" has inhabited the archipelago regions since the year 1500 BC to the year 2500 BC of the estimated time range. The origins of sea tribes according to historical record have been known by Portuguese as Melayu Tua tribe or indigenous tribes of the islands. In the year 1500 BC, there was an exodus or mass departure of Melayu Tua which turn the Melayu Tua tribe that is currently known, to be "Orang Sampan" or "Orang Laut Pesisir".

The purpose and benefit of this research are to explain the background of sea tribe social life on Kubong Island and Todak Island located in Nongsa District. The method of research is juridical-sociological, and for the object of research as data sources to complete the research are Kubong Island and Todak Island of Nongsa District, as well as social service agency of Batam City.

The conclusion derived from this research and case that occur in the field shows that social policy implementation has to be more directed and sustainable by the government, especially in the field of social services to meet the basic needs of every citizen or community, in this case, the sea tribes located in Kubong Island and Todak Island, District of Nongsa. The discussion of a social formulation is also required so that all policies can be implemented properly under the needs of the community in the field. Moreover, social policy must be prioritized for people in dire need and those with social issues and difficulty to find a resolution which requires assistance from third parties such as institutions or government agency.

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