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The development of sustainable urban is very important for the surrounding population and urban spatial planning in the long-term. It is estimated that in the next three decades, the number of people living in cities will increase sharply, especially in Asia. If the authorities fail to provide services to this population, it would clearly endanger the long-term environmental and could threaten economic productivity. Therefore, city authorities must make appropriate policy choices to protect the provision of equitable housing, health, and transportation services in the future.

To address various issues faced by urban phenomena, man-made activities, and the political will run by the authorities along with the major role of scientist to contribute to the urban sustainable development, Universitas Pembangunan Jaya (UPJ) and the Pembangunan Jaya Center for Urban Studies (CUS) have hosted and organized the meeting which focused on "*The rise of ASEAN and strategic partnership in understanding the complexity and collective phenomena in emergent societies*". The meeting was named The 3rd Humboldt Kolleg which was held on July 24-26, 2017 at Putri Duyung Cottage, Jakarta and in collaboration with the Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education of the Republic of Indonesia.

Five key topics in the area of urban studies and development has been discussed during the conference: (1) urban economics, (2) city planning, architecture and infrastructure, (3) urban health and society, (4) environmental risks in urban and regional development, and (5) strategic partnership in urban research. These broad topics will bring together experts and researchers in related fields, making it fertile ground to share and discuss ideas, knowledge, perspectives, methods, research results, and policy ideas in urban contexts. A strong network targeted among researchers from various institutions and various research fields in the urban sphere will open up new possibilities for faculty mobility, research collaboration, and consortia for urban studies in ASEAN countries.

The format of the meeting consisted of opening remarks, invited talks by seven keynote speakers from a different background that covers various urban topics, and smashing boundaries of collaboration. The talks delivered and papers presented in four brain-storming technical sessions were categorized into the five sessions. For the third time, we received and presented 98 papers the seminar. However, we consider academic efforts for publication research articles with high quality and selected only 25 articles for publication in the *Geographia Technica*, an International Journal of Technical Geography.

It is an honor to present this volume to *Geographia Technica* and we are very grateful to the authors for their enthusiasm for attending and sharing knowledge at the conference. We express our sincere gratitude to committee members and all those who have helped us to organize the seminar successfully and develop a very interesting program. Finally, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude for Kolleg Humboldt tremendous success: Pembangunan making а Java University, Pembangunan Java Center for Urban Studies, Keynote Speakers, Reviewers, and Participants. Thanks are also extended to Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education of the Republic of Indonesia, and the Putri Duyung Cottage.

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