

The Arrangement of Downtown Area as Effort to Represent Identity of Ambon [Case Study: A. Y. Patty Street Area]

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Abstract – City is basically an expression of human life which is manifestation in the form of mass and space. This demonstrates the need for the city in terms of the functional aspects. The Downtown area of the city of Ambon is one strategic area, multi-functional and loaded with historical value, which has been badly damaged by the riots. For the study of the arrangement of the this, needs to developed in order to create environment moreover to bring the city's identity as a whole. This research uses historical approach and qualitative descriptive approach. Data was collected and will be analyzed, by using synchronic reading and diachronic reading. The results of this study is to bring back the unique identity of Ambon city, the culture *Pela Gandong- Baku Dapa* urban communities that have been lost due to social conflict.

Index Terms – urban identity, *pela gandong - baku dapa*, the arrangement social conflict.

INTRODUCTION

Ambon is a city with a unique identity. Ambon city identity shaped by cultural and community characteristics. In social terms, Ambon city was influenced by the culture of the people who are well known in Ambon known as "Pela Gandong", which is the bond of brotherhood between the two villages/villages are usually different ethnicities and religions, either adjacent or even distant geographically.

Sociology bond that forms the character of Ambon into a city with unique character that has a heterogeneous society - made up by various races and religions. In terms of the demographic and ethnicity, Ambon is a portrait of a pluralistic city. In this town dwelling so many ethnic. Ethnic Alifuru (original Moluccas), Java, Bali, Buton, Bugis, Makassar , Papua, Indonesia , Minahasa, Minang, Flobamora (the tribe of Flores, Sumba, Alor and Timor, and of course those descendants foreign (Chinese community, the Arab community-Ambon, Spanish community-Ambon, the Portuguese community-a community of Ambon and the Netherlands - Ambon). Growing religion in the city of Ambon is Islam, Christian, Hinduism and Buddhism. Community groups with

differences like these that form the character of the Ambon city.

In the years 1999 - 2003 social conflicts that resulted in deterioration in various aspects of community life in the city of Ambon. The Characteristic of the city of Ambon is famous for its "Pela Gandong " was destroyed . Ambon city communities that previously lived side by side in peace and security, of various races and religions, in the end live separately. There is a suspicious, hatred and even vengeance prolonged. At the end of the post-impairment urban communities demographically live separately. Muslim community prefers to live and settled on the north side, while the Christian community prefer to live in an area south of the region's AY Patty .

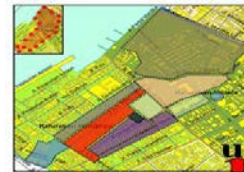


Figure 1. The Existing Of A.Y. Patty Street Area.

Problems were found in the area AY Patty is the concept of regional arrangement that has not been good, the structure of the city that are not clear, the placement of land use does not function properly, resulting inconvenience for people in the A.Y. Patty street area. This issue increasingly evident with the separation of the demography by both ethnic and religions in the AY Patty street area as resident. Due to this phenomena that occur in the area, it needs a conservation activity by government and civil society to fix this issue.

METHODS

The research method applied to the study was descriptive qualitative. It discussed existing data of A. Y Patty street area. The data will be collected and analyzed by using synchronic reading techniques.

FINDING AND ARGUMENTS

Ambon city identity, can be achieved by using diachronic reading analysis. This analysis is to tracking the origin of the history associated with the object under study^[1]. This search form of the data of the respondents,

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informants who know the history of regional development, regional development map, photo mapping,

After that, using a character appraisal analysis, to find characteristic of A.Y Patty street. Character Appraisal analysis is an analysis tool to identify patterns of development and characteristics of a part of the city area. Analyzer This is useful for assessing and understanding the characteristics of the environment and building in this area^[2]. This method applied to each areas in the city : Economic-services, Settlement, Military, Government, Religious, Open Space, Education.

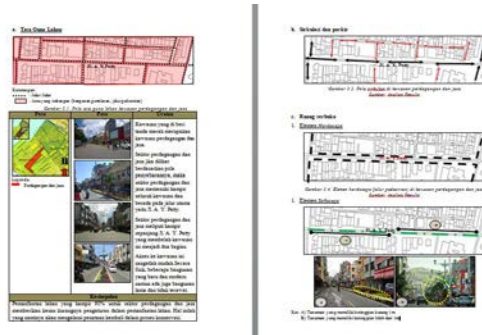


Figure 2. SAMPLE of Character Appraisal Analysis.

After doing the following analysis, the result will be synchronized with theory and city history-the present of city condition which is achieved by using diachronic analysis. Finally, the criteria can be achieved to develop a concept of an arrangement the city.

TABLE 1. THE CONCEPT DESIGN SUMMARY.

Subject	Criteria	Concept Design
History	All historical building must be maintained and preserved.	Raising a strong sense of place to buildings that have high historical elements in the region AY Patty
Culture	Restore the culture and characteristics that have faded	Create a special area as an area of "Baku Dapa" which appeals to the public, such as a cafe, a place to dance. • Creating a Special Parking Area.
Land Use	provide a relaxing area for people	• Creating a Special Area PKL. • Creating a Relaxed place on Main Street. • Eliminate slums.
Circulation	Need to regulate the circulation of entry / exit road users to and from the region AY Patty very well.	Setting the circulation path and better parking
Open Space	All statue, sculpture must be laid out better in order to become an icon in the AY Patty.	Creating a strong impression for this area to make it look more beautiful, attractive for visitors and residents of the city.

CONCLUSION

The result of this research submits that A.Y Patty street area need to be conservation by using Revitalization method. Revitalization can be applied in residential areas, religion areas, administration areas , open space area . The goal is to foster a sense of trust, security and comfort for the people of the area. So as to turn the AY Patty culture that used to back so that togetherness it can be reformed.

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