ABSTRACT

The district of Maluku Tenggara Barat is one the island district in Indonesia, which by geostrategic has three significant area characteristics i.e as the border districts between Indonesia and Australia, in the region of small and outer island and one of the less developed region in Indonesia. The district has 85 (eighty five) large and small islands and become the gate for the sailing race Indonesia – Darwin which have been started in 2008.

To support the success of any economy activities and social as well as the development in the district of Maluku Tenggara Barat, it should be supported by the availability of seatransportation facility which has sufficient capacity, reliable and available at anytime as needed so that the seatransportation is the absolute for this area. The objective of this paper is to formulate the strategy of development for seatransportation inter island in order to increase the regional economy development in the district of Maluku Tenggara Barat.

Strategy, program and activity recommendation resulted from this research is expected as the input for the local government in order to formulate the program. So that each program and activity which are financed by the government regional or central government budget can be optimized to speed up the alleviation of disadvantaged region to be developed equally as other developing region.

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