SUMMARY

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Forest Area with Special Purpose is an area which is established by the government for the purpose of research and non-research activity. Nowadays, Cikampek Forest Area with Special Purpose has been visited by many visitors. It became one of the driving factors of the community to the procurement of tourism activities. Yet, there are problems arising from the activities, such as waste problem and irregularity of visitors causes the irregularity of spatial in Cikampek Forest Area with Special Purpose. One solution to solve these problems is to increase visitors and public knowledge to the area through interpretation activity. The general purpose of this research is to make an interpretation planning of Forest Area with Special Purpose in Cikampek. This research specifically aims to identify the object of interpretation, interpretation paths, visitor characteristics, management and community conditions.

The study was conducted in Cikampek Forest Area with Special Purpose on February, and May-June 2012 which includes field data collection, interviews to the management and community, also data analysis. The data was collected through literature study, interviews and field observation methods. The study was able to identify that the objects at Cikampek Forest Area with Special Purpose consists the potential of natural resources (physical and biological potentials) and social-culture potential. The potential of natural resources consisting of rice paddy field, Kembang Cave, outbound area, Cicunut River and empty areas. While the potential of socio-culture consisting of traditional art, traditional ceremonies and farming communities. In addition there are 4 interpretation paths which are climatology station – gathering area path, nursery – playing area path, Kembang Cave path and butterfly area path. Most of the visitors are male (73%) and comes from Karawang City (92%). The visitors are from 13-18 years old (35%) with a high school education (53%). Thedevelopment management is to assess the form that fits with the status of the area and the existing potential, also to establish the partnership with the local community and local government relating to the interpretation activity. The interpretation location includes the whole area in Cikampek Forest Area with Special Purpose which is divided into two blocks. The first block is focused for the planning of interpretation facilities and infrastructure, while the second block is for the development for the existing interpretation objects. The theme of the interpretation activity in Cikampek Forest Area with Special Purpose is “Feel the Charm on the Harmonization of the Coolness of Forest and the Uniqueness of the Culture in Cikampek.” The interpretation path that will be developed is climatology station – gathering area path and nursery – playing area path. Interpretation activity plan that can be done is only for limited tourism based on education and research. Interpretation assignment plan will be done by adding special organization structure in the form of interpretation implementer and interpretation planner.

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