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Bhumandala Nama Rupabumi awards: a new initiative of the geographical names standardization evaluation mechanism in Indonesia

Summary**

In its regulation No. 2 of 2021 on the standardization of geographical names, the Government mandated that the Geospatial Information Agency (Badan Informasi Geospasial) monitor and evaluate the implementation of geographical names standardization. The Agency established an evaluation mechanism that provides geographical names standardization awards known as the Bhumandala Nama Rupabumi awards. The first awards ceremony to recognize Indonesian stakeholders involved with toponyms was held in December 2022. The awards recognize the persistent efforts and the most significant contributions of multiple stakeholders. They are divided into the following categories: ministries/agencies, local governments at the provincial and regency/city levels, community/non-governmental organizations and individual toponym experts.

The Agency evaluated the ministries/agencies and local governments categories using quantitative and qualitative assessment methods. The top five candidates were carefully determined from the analysis of toponymic data derived from the Indonesian geographical names information system (Sistem Informasi Nama Rupabumi). In addition, the top five candidates were required to provide additional data and information to verify the standardization activities carried out during 2021 and 2022. For the community/non-governmental organizations and individual toponym experts categories, interviews were conducted to explore the scope of works, publications and activities of the candidates. The Bhumandala Nama Rupabumi awards initiative will likely motivate stakeholders in their standardization efforts. The Agency will host the awards ceremony annually.

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The report explains the objectives of the evaluation mechanism, the formulation and criteria for the categories, the evaluation exercise and its benefits for national names standardization, and provides an overview of the awards ceremony and awardees.
