

Description

- Tarakan is located in the province of East Kalimantan and has flight connections with Jakarta, Surabaya and Makassar, and other area.
- The total population is 178.111 inhabitants (2008) with land area stretches to 657.33 km².
- The municipality has received several number of government awards such as: Adipura (clean city), Citra Pelopor Inovasi Pelayanan Prima (innovation in public services), Citra Bakti Abdi Negara (government's commitment) as well as other awards in education, city transportation, and autonomy achievement sectors.
- Mr. Udin Hianggio is the elected Mayor for the period 2009 – 2014. He is a trusted public figure. Based on his position as long-standing Chairman of the Local Parliament from the previous period, he has good relationship and communication with the local legislative assembly.
- Tarakan has adequate human resources since the days of the former Mayor and his excellent leadership which again evident from the municipality attainment of many awards for its outstanding achievements.
- Tarakan's budget has been increasing from year to year which is viewed important to help the city in realizing its vision to becoming "The New Singapore in Indonesia."
- As a small island surrounded by the sea, Tarakan has great marine potentials. These resources have been utilized by the community to make a living as fishermen and shrimp farmers. The abundance of seafood has enabled Tarakan to promote its exports of fishery products, in particular shrimps. Accordingly, a chain of cold storage facilities is established to support this goal. The private sectors ability to absorb a large amount of labor has managed to push down unemployment rate at a minimum level.
- Advancement of Tarakan city was initially driven by many oil mining companies and gradually led the city development into a transit, industrial and services trade area.



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