

Description

- Pangkalpinang is located on Bangka Island and administratively part of Bangka Belitung Province. It has an airport with direct flight to Jakarta and Palembang (Capital of South Sumatra). It has 156 982 inhabitants and area of 118.40 km².
- Pangkalpinang has received several national awards such as Adiwiyata (outstanding environmental achievement for the local schools), IGA (Innovative Government Award), Adipura (clean city), Satyalencana Pembangunan (education), etc.
- The Mayor of Pangkalpinang, Zulkarnain Karim has a strong leadership and also a visionary. He has broad networks with various parties including private sectors. Many of his innovative ideas have been translated to concrete development programs for Pangkalpinang city which is resulted to his attainment of Leadership Award for his various contributions. He was elected through Direct Local Election for a second period in office (2008-2013).
- Realizing the importance of science and technology, the Pangkalpinang municipality emphasizes education as one of its main programs. This has resulted in an overall improvement of human resources whereby not only the local officials but schools children are learning about IT. The city's achievement in education sector has led to the national recognition where it receives Satyalencana Pembangunan Award.
- Pangkalpinang's population is basically composed by ethnic Malays and Chinese. There are also a number of immigrants, such as the Batak, Palembang, Sundanese, Javanese, Madurese, Banjar, Bugis, Manado, Flores, and Ambonese.
- The main economic sectors comprise of services sector (56.6%), finance and trade (22.83%), agriculture (11.56%), mining (3.62%), electricity, gas and water supply (3.09%), transportation and communication (2.32%). Main export commodities are tin, white pepper and fishery products



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