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GUBERNUR BALI

Bali, Friday (*Sukra Paing, Gumbreg*),
21 March 2025

To

the honorable.

1. Chairperson of the Regional People's Representative Council (DPRD) of Bali Province;
2. The Chief of Bali Regional Police;
3. The Head of Bali High Prosecutor's Office;
4. Mayors and Regents in Bali ;
5. Regional People's Representative Council (DPRD) of City and Regencies in Bali;
6. Head of the Regional Office of the Directorate General of Bali Immigration;
7. Chairperson of the Council of Traditional Villages (Majelis Desa Adat) throughout Bali;
8. Chairperson of the Parisada Hindu Dharma Indonesia (PHDI) Bali Province;
9. Head of the Authority of I Gusti Ngurah Rai International Airport;
10. General Manager of PT. Angkasa Pura I;
11. Head of the Harbourmaster and Port Authority Office (KSOP) of Benoa, Bali;
12. Chairperson of the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN) Bali;
13. Chairperson of the Bali Indonesian Tourism Industry Association (GIPI);
14. Chairperson of the Bali Airlines Operators Committee (AOC);
15. Managing Director of The Nusa Dua (ITDC) Bali;
16. Foreign Tourist; and
17. Other Tourism Stakeholders.

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Respective Places

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ON

THE NEW CODE OF CONDUCT FOR FOREIGN TOURISTS

WHILE STAYING IN BALI

BY THE BLESSINGS OF *HYANG WIDHI WASA* / GOD ALMIGHTY

A. Considering:

1. Law of the Republic of Indonesia Number 6 of 2011 on Immigration;
2. Law of the Republic of Indonesia Number 7 of 2011 on Currency;
3. Law Number 4 of 2023 on the Development and Strengthening of the Financial Sector;
4. Law of the Republic of Indonesia Number 15 of 2023 on Bali Province;
5. Regulation of the Minister of Home Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia Number 49 of 2010 on Guidelines for Monitoring Foreign Nationals and Foreign Community Organizations in Regions;
6. Bank Indonesia Regulation Number 17/3/PBI/2015 on the Obligation to Use Rupiah in the Territory of the Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia;
7. Regulation of the Members of the Board of Governors Number 24/1/PADG/2022 on the Second Amendment to the Regulation of the Members of the Board of Governors Number 21/18/PADG/2019 on the Implementation of the National Standard for Quick Response Code for Payments;
8. Regional Regulation of Bali Province Number 4 of 2020 on the Strengthening and Advancement of Balinese Culture;
9. Regional Regulation of Bali Province Number 5 of 2020 on Standards for the Implementation of Balinese Cultural Tourism;;
10. Regional Regulation of Bali Province Number 6 of 2023 on the Levy for Foreign Tourists for the Protection of Balinese Culture and Natural Environment;
11. Governor of Bali Regulation Number 97 of 2018 on the Limitation of Single-Use Plastic Waste;
12. Governor of Bali Regulation Number 47 of 2019 on Source-Based Waste Management;
13. Governor of Bali Regulation Number 24 of 2020 on the Protection of Lakes, Springs, Rivers, and Seas;
14. Governor of Bali Regulation Number 25 of 2020 on the Facilitation of the Protection of Temples, Pratima, and Religious Symbols;
15. Governor of Bali Regulation Number 28 of 2020 on Bali Tourism Governance;
16. Governor of Bali Regulation Number 52 of 2021 on the Implementation Regulation of Regional Regulation Number 5 of 2020 on Standards for the Organization of Balinese Cultural Tourism; and
17. Governor of Bali Regulation Number 2 of 2024 on Procedures for Payment of the Levy for Foreign Tourists.

B. Taking into Account:

1. The *Bhisama* (a religious decree) on the Sacredness of Mountains and the Kahyangan Jagat Padma Bhuwana (a network of sacred temples situated across Bali representing the spiritual balance of the universe), as resolved by the *Sabha Kretha* (a council of Balinese Hindu High Priests) on Monday (*Rahina Soma Pon wara Matal*), 15 August 2022, aimed at preventing violations of the sanctity of sacred sites such as mountains, seas, and *parahyangan* (temple complexes and their surrounding sacred areas).
2. The policy of the Bali Provincial Government to realize culturally-based, high-quality, and dignified tourism in Bali;
3. Immigration policies aimed at benefiting the prosperity and welfare of the Indonesian people while maintaining national security and public order;
4. The resolution of the meeting with the Coordinating Ministry for Maritime Affairs and Investment of the Republic of Indonesia on Thursday, 13 April 2023, regarding the preparation of a unified narrative on the Do's and Don'ts for Foreign Tourists; and
5. The shared responsibility to maintain order, safety, security, and comfort, as well as to preserve the positive image of Bali as a World-Class Tourism Destination.

C. Enacting:

The New Code of Conduct for Foreign Tourists while staying in Bali, as follows:

1. Foreign Tourists are required to:

- a. respect the sanctity of temples, sacred objects, and other consecrated religious symbols;
- b. show genuine respect for the customs, traditions, arts, culture, and local wisdom of the Balinese people during ceremonial and ritual activities;
- c. dress modestly, appropriately, and respectfully when visiting sacred areas, tourist attractions, public places, and during all activities in Bali;
- d. behave respectfully in sacred areas, tourist attractions, restaurants, shopping centers, roads, and other public places;
- e. pay the foreign tourist levy before arrival or during their stay in Bali via electronic payment through the website <https://lovebali.baliprov.go.id/>;
- f. be accompanied by a licensed tour guide (who understands the natural environment, customs, traditions, and local wisdom of the Balinese people) when visiting tourist attractions;
- g. exchange foreign currency only at officially licensed money changers, either Bank or non-Bank, indicated by a license number and a Bank Indonesia QR code logo;
- h. make payments using the Indonesian Standard QR Code (QRIS);
- i. conduct transactions using the Indonesian Rupiah (IDR);

- j. operate vehicles in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations of Indonesia, including holding a valid national or international driving license, complying with traffic rules, wearing appropriate attire and a helmet, following traffic signs, not exceeding passenger limits, and not driving under the influence of alcohol and/or illegal drugs;
- k. use four-wheeled transportation compliant with safety standards provided by legally registered business entities or associations for vehicle rentals;
- l. stay in accommodation establishments that possess a valid license as stipulated by the applicable laws and regulations; and
- m. comply with all specific rules and regulations applicable to each tourist attraction and tourism activity.

2. Foreign Tourists are prohibited from:

- a. entering the *Utamaning Mandala* and *Madyaning Mandala* (the innermost and middle sanctum) of sacred places or temples, except for the purpose of worship while wearing Balinese traditional attire or prayer garments, and provided they are not on their menstrual period;
- b. climbing trees regarded as sacred;
- c. engaging in behavior that desecrates sacred places, temples, sacred objects, and religious symbols, such as climbing sacred buildings or taking indecent/inappropriate photos, including nudity;
- d. littering or polluting lakes, springs, rivers, seas, and public areas;
- e. using single-use plastics, such as plastic bags, styrofoam, plastic straws, and plastic beverage containers;
- f. using profane language, behaving disrespectfully, creating disturbances, or acting aggressively toward state officials, government officers, local communities, or fellow tourists, either directly or indirectly, including through social media, such as spreading hate speech and disinformation (hoaxes);
- g. working and/or engaging in business activities without possessing the necessary official documents issued by the competent authorities ; and
- h. participating in illegal activities, including trafficking protected flora and fauna, cultural artifacts, sacred objects, or the sale and purchase of illegal goods, including narcotics.

3. Foreign Tourists who violate the provisions in points 1 and 2 will be subject to strict enforcement, including sanctions or legal proceedings, in accordance with the prevailing laws and regulations of Indonesia.

4. Foreign Tourists who fail to pay the foreign tourist levy will be subject to sanctions in the form of denial of access to services at tourist attractions.

5. The public is encouraged to actively report any violations committed by Foreign Tourists via the *Siaga WhatsApp* hotline at +62 812-8759-0999.

- 6. The Provincial Civil Service Police Unit of Bali (*Polisi Pamong Praja Provinsi Bali/SATPOL PP*) is assigned to strictly supervise and ensure the implementation of this Circular Letter.**
- 7. The Bali Regional Police is requested to take firm actions in the form of sanctions or legal proceedings against violators in accordance with the prevailing laws and regulations.**
- 8. All relevant parties are expected to fully understand, implement, and disseminate this Circular Letter within their respective organizations and to all Foreign Tourists visiting Bali.**
- 9. This Circular Letter shall take effect as of the date of its issuance.**

Thus, this Circular Letter is conveyed for strict and responsible implementation. We thank you for your cooperation.

GOVERNOR OF BALI,

WAYAN KOSTER

Copies of this Circular Letter are respectfully addressed to:

1. The Coordinating Minister for Law, Human Rights, Immigration, and Corrections of the Republic of Indonesia in Jakarta;
2. The Minister of Home Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia in Jakarta;
3. The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia in Jakarta;
4. The Minister of Tourism of the Republic of Indonesia in Jakarta;
5. The Minister of Transportation of the Republic of Indonesia in Jakarta;
6. The Minister of Law of the Republic of Indonesia in Jakarta;
7. The Minister of Immigration and Corrections of the Republic of Indonesia in Jakarta;
8. The Chief of the National Police of the Republic of Indonesia in Jakarta; and
9. The Governor of Bank Indonesia in Jakarta.