

## Batam planned to be Blockchain Center for Southeast Asia

MATAKEPRI.COM, Batam - Head of Batam Business Entity (BP), Edy Putra Irawady, launched the BlockBatam conference on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019, with the theme, "Creating Southeast Asia Blockchain Capital".

Dr. Edi Prio Pambudi (Expert Staff to Minister Economic Relations and Maritime Affairs), Oscar Darmawan (CEO – IndoDAX) and Dr. Richard Satur (CEO – dClinic) were the keynote speakers at this prestigious event organised by BlackArrow Conferences and it is the first of its kind in Batam.

BlockBatam is aimed to be the biggest and most influential annual Blockchain gathering. It is a declaration that Batam City is to be an Indonesian Digital Economic Zone and will help position Indonesia as the largest blockchain market in ASEAN. This event also signals Batam and Indonesia's support for Blockchain technology companies throughout the Southeast region.

In his opening remarks, Dr. Edy Putra Irawady indicated that Batam was a pioneer and now led the implementation of the blockchain in Indonesia. To become the Blockchain Capital in Southeast Asia, BP Batam is preparing premium facilities at BP Batam Data Center and Information System Services (PDSI) to host several blockchain platforms to support the Digital Economic Zone program. Batam Medical Blockchain ("**BMB**") based on dClinic's Private Healthcare Blockchain will be the first blockchain to be implemented and will be overseen by Deloitte Southeast Asia.

*"I believe we have a suitable skilled workforce in Batam to meet the challenges of Blockchain. The multi-ethnic diversity here is extraordinary, making international communications easier. We also have the experience to build and support stable and successful IT-based companies in harmony with our Industry 4.0 roadmap, such as PT Schneider, PT Pegatron, PT Excelitas Technologies, PT Infineon Technologies and PT Sammyung Precision",* said Edy Putra Irawady.

The Head of BP Batam also stressed that this development could not be realised without the support of the central Indonesian government. The President of the Republic of Indonesia, Joko Widodo, approved Batam as the Indonesia-Singapore Digital Bridge in September 2017, based on a recommendation from the Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs to develop Batam as a facility for Lepas Beach and Tax Haven in October 2016.

*"We have an ICT-based Blockchain vision. So I hope to start a number of collaborations with private companies in Batam to integrate with Blockchain. Batam has a competitive advantage with the existence of SKA Form A, Cards in the FTA and Form FTZ for investors to leverage. Not to forget from a geographical position, we are only 20*

*kilometres from international market access between the Pacific and Atlantic trade", explained Edy Putra Irawady.*

Addressing some potentially perceived weaknesses for Batam, The Head of BP Batam stressed, *"Our vision for Blockchain is here to provide certainty for investors. It means, with clear Blockchain vision in our Industry 4.0 roadmap, regulations should no longer be seen as daunting for businesses and investors, especially with our investment in the Batam Data Centre and Blockchains like BMB and Logistics"*.

Supporting Batam's Industry 4.0 roadmap, dClinic, BP Batam and BP Batam Hospital ("**RSBP**") have officially engaged in a \$140M USD partnership to further BMB for Batam and the greater Indonesia. Deloitte Southeast Asia and JP Consulting, Australia will provide the necessary PMO, Corporate and Clinical governance for this substantial Blockchain project. The main goal is for dClinic to implement its Private Health Blockchain supported by the Batam Health Centre to establish a premium vitality facility at the BP Batam Hospital, powered by Blockchain.

Expert Staff to Minister Economic Relations and Maritime Affairs, Dr. Edi Prio Pambudi pressed the need at BlockBatam, for governments and corporates to create efficiencies within various business processes, and acknowledged that Blockchain had the potential to create positive outcomes and savings within healthcare.

*"Now that Blockchain has become a consideration for Batam and Indonesia, we must utilise the valuable data we collect to affect positive outcomes for healthcare. We also need to educate our clinical experts about this technology development. Moreover, Blockchain is a distributed ledger technology that has huge potential. Doctors can potentially view complete holistic histories of their patients, including types of diseases, drugs, and actions that have been performed before and by others who have intersected with the patient's healthcare journey. This is only possible because the data is available securely on the Blockchain", explained Dr. Edi Prio Pambudi.*

Dr. Pambudi also highlighted that healthcare professionals and patients can be assured of security on the Blockchain. Dr. Pambudi also noted the President of Indonesia's keenness to accelerate Indonesia's goals in the greater technology space and for Indonesia to be a centre of technology excellence, saying, *"We are promoting this technology roadmap. The President is keen to compete with the rest of the world, giving us the direction to accelerate this technology transfer. It is clear that Indonesia can provide direction and vision to the Southeast region", said Dr. Edi Prio Pambudi.*

Dr. Pambudi encouraged Batam RSBP and dClinic to develop its BMB Program quickly to help bring other enlightened investors and companies to Batam and equally important, to offer patients greater healthcare services through RSBP.