

(Politik) Dutch Flood Control in Surabaya 1906-1942 / Erlita Tantri

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Abstrak

Surabaya was one of the important cities in the Netherlands Indies since the nineteenth century. However as a coastal city, which had many potential plantations, busiest business districts & port, naval based, and defense area, Surabaya also faced annual flood problem in rainy season. So, what were the cause and the impact of the flood problem in Surabaya? What was the Dutch colonial government done to overcome flood and its impact? What was the Dutch's motive on its efforts? This paper would like to know the Dutch colonial's flood control in Surabaya city from 1906 to 1942 and its motivation. As a historical study, this paper uses literature study that is started from the colonial period. Finally, flood control was necessary for Surabaya where many ethnic and important economic activities based which needed good infrastructures, and healthy environment. Therefore, flood as the source of diseases and inconvenience had to be eradicated from the influential city.