

SEDIMENT DISASTER IS INCREASING



Sediment disaster such as slope failure, landslide, flash flood, debris flow, and others is increasing in every year, especially in rainy season. The hazardous area is increase is not only because of natural condition but also because of human activities. People usually exploit the natural resources for their needs, so that it become unbalance, said director General of water resources whose represent by Sub Directorate Head of western region, Directorate of River, lake and reservoir, Tri Bayu Adji.

The statement was said in annual campaign of sediment disaster prevention of 2009, on Wednesday in Palu, central Sulawesi. Last year, the same campaign was held in Kupang east Nusa Tenggara.

The purpose of the campaign is to increase people awareness and preparedness who is living in hazardous area.

This activity should be doing it in collectively and continuity between all sectors. That's why technicians in local government and in the centre should have a strategic plan related to natural disaster management.

Considering that sediment disaster is one of natural disaster that occurs in every year, and cause a lot of suffering, is not only human but also infrastructures, the Governor of central Sulawesi, whose represent by the assistance of general administration, secretariat region of central Sulawesi, added that government and community should have more attention to increase our awareness and preparedness in sediment disaster management, such as flood and slope failure, especially in hazardous areas.

If people knowledge is increasing about the causes and effect of sediment disaster, so that people could be avoiding the activity that could make environment decay, said the governor of central Sulawesi.

People could participate in conservation, rehabilitation, and other activities to protect their environment, he added.

He is hoping that the socialization about sediment disaster could give better knowledge to anticipate and handle the natural disaster, to minimize the victims and reduce the suffering.



NATIONAL CAMPAIGN OF SEDIMENT DISASTER MANAGEMENT

We choose Palu as the target to hold the national campaign for this year, because a lot of debris flows disaster occurs in Plau and there are hazardous areas in Palu. Some disasters such as slope failure, in Petapa village, Parigi Moutong regency and another slope failure and flash flood in Batu rube, Morewali regency.

The purpose of the national campaign is to increase people awareness and preparedness who is living in the hazardous area.

There are 4 strategies to achieve the purpose of the national campaign, during 20 years, which began since 2002, where is divided into 5 years for each period.

The first campaign held in rainy season, by the year of 2002, in Kebumen regency, central java, on November, 4th, 2002. Then the next campaign was held in 2003 in Gowa regency, south Sulawesi, in 2004 in Tanah datar, west Sumatra, and then the next campaign was held in Mojokerto regency, east Java, then Karang asem regency, Bali, and Tanggamus regency, Lampung.

Some activities in national campaign are drawing competition, making posters, jingle dare, socializing about sediment disaster prevention for trainer (training for trainers), and giving some materials that related to this campaign. The national campaign was attending by 250 participants, from the elementary schools until senior high school, teachers, local government and others.