

Zero Kilometer Pillar

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Zero Kilometer Pillar was in the area of the Sabang National Park on the end of Ba`u, Sukakarya District, Sabang City, Nanggroe Aceh Darusalam, Indonesia. Spoke about the Republic of Indonesia territory span, will emerge one question about the existence of the zero point of Indonesian. The zero point of Indonesian was located in the Sabang territory, Nanggroe Aceh Darusalam (NAD). Sabang was the island city with the Weh Island as the biggest island. Therefore, many people who acknowledged the Weh Island as the Sabang Island. In this island gotten the Zero Kilometer Pillar as the beginning full stop of counting kilometer in Indonesia.

Zero Kilometer Pillar was a building that soared be as high as 22,5 meter and was located in the height 43,6 m. above sea level. This pillar had the shape of the circle and all a part were painted with the white color. The part on this circle narrowed like the drill bit. In the peak of the pillar, settling of the birds statue Garuda held the figure of zero. A black marble inscription showed the geographical position of this place: North Lintang 05 54' 21,99 east lay alongside 95 12' 59,02. Moreover, in the wall of the building also gotten the appointment inscription of the pillar that was signed by Try Sutrisno during still held the office of the Vice President. The inscription was signed in Banda Aceh, the NAD capital, on September 9 1997.

Beforehand was gotten the other pillar that was believed in as Zero Kilometer of Indonesian. However, after being carried out by the research by the expert in the Institute of Research and Application of Technology by using Global Positioning System Technology (GPS), the location was severed as the point of Zero of Indonesian. Therefore, the pillar that for a long time has been stated as kilometer seven Indonesian.

Was located in the area of the Sabang National Park, made the trip head the location of the Zero Kilometer Pillar became special recreation. To reach this place, the tourists will pass foot the hill and rocks with picturesque scenery. The tropical forest in the protected forest still maintained with good, now on the right of the road, blue seawater was seen clearly. If you were lucky, occasionally to be a herd of the monkey that hanged down from tree to the tree, in fact they also often stood on the way as well as waited for the tourists to throw food.

An arrival in the location will be seen a white building have the shape of round that consisted of two floors. To reach this building you must get on several steps. Go up to level two, tourist will see blue sky and green trees, because of this floor roofed was open. On the floor of two was gotten two inscriptions. The first inscription explained that the determination of the geographical position KM-0 Indonesia this was measured by the expert of Institute of Research and Application of Technology. Meanwhile, the second inscription explained the geographical position of the pillar in figures.

Across this pillar road, was gotten a stone of the distance marker yellow like that normally is seen at the edge of the road. The difference was in this stone written by the figure of zero. The unusual matter was encountered to the other stone of the distance marker. Round this pillar was gotten trees that were organized neat. You could sit in the stop that was available in the place, afterwards sent the view to the side of the Hindia Ocean. Because Weh was the mainland most of the tip, then will not have the island in front of to view through to far to the open sea. Scenery from on top of this hill was very pretty with the yard of sea turned blue and the wind voice howled.

By at dusk, tourists who visited to this pillar tended to increase. This was caused the tourist wanted to witness the process sinking the sun. The sun ball was orange, afterwards changed became fiery red among the thin cloud, and then sank to sea that also became red. After that, scenery will change became dark, and only the star in the area span of night sky.

Being in zero kilometer of Indonesian will give the sensation that was different for you. As proof that you had been in zero kilometer of Indonesian, tourist could ask for charter to the Service of Travel of Sabang City. If you were satisfied to enjoy the attraction of the Zero Kilometer Pillar of Indonesia, tourist could continue the trip to the other tourist attraction available near this pillar. The tourist attraction in part: the Iboih Coast, Gapang Coast, Kasih Coast, Pasir Putih Coast, Sumur Tiga Coast, Anontam Coast, Tapak Gajah or the Lhung Angen Coast. For tourist who had spare time, tourist could visit the Island of the Nun, Klah Island, Rondo Island and the Seulako Island. All beauty of this tourist attraction would increasingly made you fall in love with the city on the end West Indonesia.

This pillar was located around 30 km to the west from the Sabang City. To reach the Zero Kilometer Pillar, tourist could use the wheel vehicle of two and the wheel of four, and will take up time around 1-1.5 trip hours. For tourist who departed from Banda Aceh, tourist could raise the fast ship from the Ulee Lheu port afterwards descended in the port of Baloohan Sabang. From the port of Baloohan, tourist could raise the taxi or chartered the car.

As a tourist attraction, the Zero Kilometer Pillar has satisfied. In and around the pillar was gotten lined-up trees neat as

the patron from the sun sting when sitting in the stop. For you who wanted to spend the night, you could spend the night in the hotel or available accommodation in Chapang, around 7 kilometers from the Zero Kilometer Pillar.