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## BALI PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT'S OFFICIAL PRESS RELEASE

## GOVERNOR OF BALL BALL READY TO WELCOME FOREIGN VISITOR, AS ALWAYS

The Governor of Bali, Wayan Koster, stated that amidst the global corona virus outbreak, Bali is ready to welcome and accommodate visitors from all over the world. This is due to the good monitoring and handling system employed by the province, and has been in place for years, notably after the SARS outbreak in 2003.

The statement of the governor of "the island of the God" is put forward after he chaired special meeting on ramification of Corona Virus outbreak, especially its impacts on the island tourism in Jayasabha, Monday 03 February 2020.

Accompanied by the Vice Governor Tjok Artha Ardhana Sukawati, The meeting was attended by all sectors and stakeholders of tourism, such as the province's department of health, department of transportation, department of tourism, Ngurah Rai airport authority, Management of airport Angkasa Pura, Quarantine, tourism association, and tourism experts of the island.

Based on the data and information discussed during the meeting, the statement further said Bali is safe as always, hence there is no reason at all for visitor to worry about, including on the issue of Corona virus. There has been found no suspect of Corona Virus on the island.

The convincing statement of the governor is based on data presented by the head of the island's department of Health. The data show that out of 73.073 tourists from China arriving in Bali since 13 January to now, after an intensive observation, only 18 tourists were worthy of further observation. After intensive observation and laboratory test, all of them are proven to be negative, meaning no one of them is suspect of Corona virus.

"Ball is indeed very safe, and ready to welcome foreign visitors. As always, Ball will provide world-class tourism products, and of more importance is the high hospitality of the people that you cannot find anywhere, because it is genuinely based on Balinese local culture. No reason to worry at all", so says the governor.

The statement of the governor has its valid bases, as everyone knows that Bali is one of the most favorite tourism destination in the world. With its world class products and services, Bali is an award winning tourism destination. For example, for 13 years consecutively, Bali is awarded "The Best island Destination" by Conde de Nash. Bali gains many destination awards from numerous international institutions, such as UNWTO, PATA, WTTC, ATF, Times, just to mention but a few.

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