

ABSTRACT

General election for Regional Head has directly requires vision mission and to place it as the core of regional development policy which turns out to be unrealized, right at the moment when candidate was holding Regional Head post. This condition was caused by domination practice in producing vision mission meaning into regional development policy. This social fact was describe clearly in study site, that is in mining-producing region at Kabupaten Kutai Timur, East Kalimantan Province, Indonesia. This site was chosen since it has unique characteristic and massive direct consequence, of the practice, a situation which rarely found in non-mining region. Result from analysis was using theory and methodology of Michel Foucault with language, knowledge and power analysis, also using qualitative explorative method, it is concluded that there was domination practice either from central government through several policies to disipline regional government, or by small formulation team in planning policy that carry the task in translating vision mission to regional development policy. This domination practice was being trace through critical discourse analysis method since the action process of related domination practice, context of domination practice, history of domination practice, power and taking sides of ruler ideology which would preserve domination practice. Consequence of domination practice above was not only making vision mission become unrealized, but it is also has arouse a high dependence toward mining product in financing regional development. This dependence, in turn, would create the natural resources deprecation phenomenon and rent-seeking behavior which would end up in worsening of *political ecology* crisis. In order to reverse this crisis, it would need a meaningful effort in making vision mission as the core of regional policy through *political ecology* paradigm that is a paradigm that put all political policy into ecological justice approach that could assure the continuity of natural service and fulfillment for future generation.

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