

ABSTRACT

This research is elaborating the relation between the Regent and the Vice-Regent at the local level on the onset of decentralization era in Indonesia. As prerequisites for local democracy, decentralisation policy based on the new law has underpinned heads of local government who has already elected and equipped in a pair of public officials to enable a mutual relationship. The election of the Vice-Regent is politically gripping a stronger position than before.

This qualitative research is using a descriptive method which is knowingly subjective in regards of science constructing. The subjects of this research are the Regent and the Vice-Regent in East Java cultivating on five districts. The researcher interviewed both the Regent and the Vice-Regent to gain the primary data, then it was supported by secondary data, such as scholarly journals, mass media and internet websites.

The relation of the Regent and the Vice-Regent occurred on the top level of local executive administration. Those pair of public officials occupied the local bureaucracy for five years for one terms of office. The relation is dynamically governing in some districts where has seen on how the Regent involved in local policies and the response of the Vice-Regent in relations to the job-description and sharing of authority. The style of Regent leadership is also concerned in local administration as well as the role of the Regent.

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