Reopening Bali for International Tourists

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1. Amid COVID 19 pandemic, President Joko Widodo declared fights on two crucial fronts which are heavily related: **A fight against the pandemic, and against its socio-economic impacts**. Indonesia is addressing these challenges through a balanced and comprehensive approach. This is also the approach in the efforts to reviving Indonesia's tourism, particularly in Bali.

2. In line with the balanced and comprehensive approach to the pandemic, the reopening of Indonesia's tourism destination will be conducted gradually, with Bali as the Pilot Project.

3. Bali depends 53% of its revenue from tourism. The pandemic has severely impacted Bali's economy.

   - Economic growth plummeted to -10,98% in the 2nd quarter of 2020;
   - 70% out of 326.000 SMEs in Bali from food and beverages sector as well as creative economy sector are closed for business and the rest has lost up to 50% of its revenue;
   - occupancy rate of hotels less than 10%; and
   - 90% of tours and travel providers in Bali have stopped their operation.

4. Since August 2020, Government agencies and private enterprises has worked together to revive Indonesia's tourism with Bali as a pilot project. The goal is to prepare Bali to reopen its doors for foreign tourists, through the application of strict COVID-19 health protocol and the set up of all necessary health infrastructure.

5. The government is considering a phased-reopening of Bali.

6. In terms of originating countries, consideration are given to tourists originating from countries that have travel corridor arrangement with Indonesia, or those which have direct flight including available chartered flight to Bali, and that have flexible returning home policies.

7. In terms of health protocol for incoming tourists, measures that could be enacted include, among others, a 72 hours PCR test before arrival and a second PCR test directly upon arrival.

8. In terms of health-related infrastructure, measures to be taken include:

   - Deploying more human resources, infrastructures, and more budget to strengthened health protocol especially in ports of entries.
   - Integrating e-Health Alert Card and equipping the app with track and trace function.
   - Applying certification system and compliance with CHSE (cleanliness, health, safety, environment) certificates for all tourist destinations in Bali (As per Nov 28, 315 hotels and 351 restaurants has been CHSE certified in Bal)i.
   - Implementing zoning system for tourist destinations