The ONE MINUTE READ Series – Introducing Smart Cities

Week 3 - Lessons from Bandung (West Java, Indonesia)

"The ABCD of Indonesian Cities"

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*The Indonesian Ministry of Communication and Information announced in 2017 the development of **100 Smart cities by 2019**. They will conduct assessment of the city's readiness on regulations, human resources and potentials, as well as assistance to plan the roadmap and implement smart city initiative.*

Bandung, with population of over 2.5 million, is one of the pioneering Smart Cities, led by its ex-Mayor, Ridwan Kamil. The city was one of those featured in the Mediacorp series, Smart Cities 2.0.

https://video.toggle.sg/en/video/series/smart-cities-2-0/ep3/482016

The video is about 23 minutes long. It has great lessons for cities in the Philippines due to similar development status. However, here's the ONE MINUTE READ on how cities in Indonesia will become Smart Cities – The "**ABCD of Indonesian Smart Cities**".

1) **A – Advocacy by the City Mayor**

    *Ridwan Kamil was recently elected as Governor of West Java, with a population of 48 million. He established the **West Java Digital Province** to help develop the area into a Smart Province. The city mayor must lead the development of smart city by being a strong advocate, A dedicated group in the city should be established to spearhead the Smart City movement.*

2) **B - Building a Startup Community**

    As shown in the video, Bandung has a strong start-up community, led by the youths. The Institute of Technology Bandung (ITB), the top technological university in Indonesia, was the breeding ground for such a community.

3) **C – Command and Control Centre with Citizen Engagement**

    This is a mandatory requirement for any city in Indonesia to become a Smart City.

4) **D – Data Analyzed to Improve City Operations and Quality of Life**

    From the Citizen engagement, data collected will be analyzed on how to help improve the city operations and quality of life for the citizens.