TransJakarta, the oldest BRT system in Southeast Asia is participating to Busworld

Transjakarta is the world’s longest BRT system with its 251 km in length. Averagely it serves 663,000 passengers per day. In January 2019 it had a total of 155 routes, a significant increase from 41 routes in 2015. The number of Transjakarta buses has also increased dramatically, from 605 buses in 2015 to 1500 buses in 2017, and plans to double that number to 3000. The fare has remained Rp 3,500 (22 euro cents) per passenger since operations began.

The service set a record in 2018 when it carried 730,000 passengers per day, a significant jump from 331,000 per day in 2015. About 189.8 million passengers used the service of Transjakarta in the year of 2018, and targeted to serve one million passengers daily. So logically, Busworld is very excited about their participation to the exhibition and the congress.

Since it was decided to start operating in Jakarta on January 15 in 2004, Transjakarta has become a new cultural symbol of transportation in Indonesia. Both for policy makers as well as for city residents, transjakarta is a learning tool in welcoming sustainable urban mobility. Transjakarta is the first and only Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system in Indonesia with international standards. In 2004, Transjakarta began operations by cooperating with a consortium of 5 bus companies that have a crossing route with Transjakarta corridor 1 at this time. For 15 years, Transjakarta became a symbol of road-based public transportation renewal in Jakarta and even Indonesia, by implementing a system that was more humane for the citizens. For policy makers, Transjakarta is a learning material in building affordable public transportation systems with professional service standards.

A Benchmark and Symbol

As the first public transportation system subsidized by the city government, Transjakarta is proof that other cities in Indonesia can also have a public transportation system managed by the city. In the past few years, Transjakarta has become the BRT system benchmark for cities in Indonesia - such as Semarang and Medan – and even outside of Indonesia, since Transjakarta was the first BRT system built in Southeast Asia.

Transjakarta is also a symbol of the evolution of management of road-based public transportation services. The term "deposit chase" is no longer heard, scheduling fleet operations that make the arrival of buses more reliable until the regularity of the system where the Transjakarta fleet only stops at designated stops and bus stops.

The Busworld Academy Conference

On Thursday 21 March 2019 a panel discussion titled “Development of Mass Transportation, BRT Systems and Supporting Infrastructure” is chaired by Ir. Karlo Manik, Director of Greater Jakarta Transport Authority under MoT. A fully updated programme is available on the Busworld Academy website. No doubt that every visitor of Busworld South East Asia, who can spend some extra time in Jakarta, should try the Transjakarta BRT system.