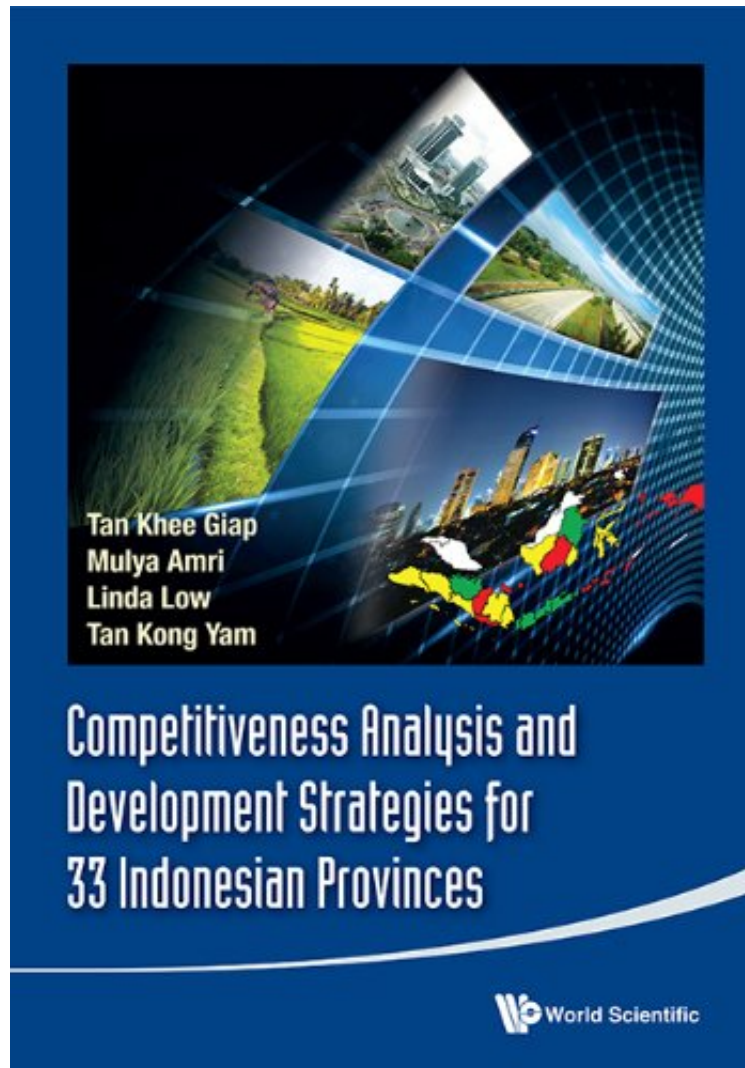


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ambitious book and large amount of effort seems to be invested in data collection. Unfortunately, the theoretical basis for measuring competitiveness is not explained. It is a commendable effort for WHAT is, but fail miserably in answering WHY are the environment, sub-environment and indicators helpful to define the construct of competitiveness. On this very shaky foundation, the authors go ahead to do a simulation of what-if the weakest 20% (relative to other provinces) are improved to the average level. In p.4, they seems to suggest that earthquake above Richter scale 5 is a threat (a weakness?) and I wonder what can the earthquake-prone provinces do to make this indicator to the average level (shift elsewhere?). The authors seems blissfully unaware that competitiveness index is compiled by the likes of the World Economic Forum (WEF) which at least try to articulate a framework. That said, many indicators look the same from these two sources at least at the superficial level (if they have used WEF indicators and not even cite them, is it ethical?) There is also an obvious mistake in p.17 Fig.1 - the title reads HDI and per capita RGDP claiming positive correlation, the graph shows poverty (%) and obviously a negative correlation. Given that this is not the only game in town -- and doesn't seems to measure competitiveness more convincingly than the alternative, I am of the opinion that this is just trash

Indonesia is on the cusp of transformative take-off, poised to become a major economic power not just in Asia, but also on the global-stage. This book is a pioneering attempt in comprehensively assessing all attributes, conditions and policies for 33 Indonesian provinces and Indonesia's trajectory as an emerging middle power. It contains papers and data-sets presented in July 2012, at ACI's signature Annual Conference. The information that was shared at the conference and presented in the book posit a future where tens of millions of Indonesians will be lifted out of poverty to become a self-sustaining middle-class, which will in turn drive the country into a global leadership role in the 21st century. It is a compelling value-added proposition for policy simulations enabling policy-makers to identify relative weaknesses, strengths, threats and opportunities of individual 33 provinces, guiding them to prioritise areas in crafting policies and development strategies. Contents: Introduction Aceh Bali Banten Bengkulu DI Yogyakarta DKI Jakarta Gorontalo Jambi Jawa Barat Jawa Tengah Jawa Timur Kalimantan Barat Kalimantan Selatan Kalimantan Tengah Kalimantan Timur Kepulauan Bangka Belitung Kepulauan Riau Lampung Maluku Maluku Utara Nusa Tenggara Barat Nusa Tenggara Timur Papua Papua Barat Riau Sulawesi Barat Sulawesi Selatan Sulawesi Tengah Sulawesi Tenggara Sumatera Utara Sumatera Barat Sumatera Selatan Appendices: List of Indicators Computation of Rankings: The Algorithm Readership: Academics, researchers, professionals, policy makers interested in Indonesia's Development.

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