

# Nocturnal Air Temperature Traverses across the City of Jakarta, Indonesia.

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The Urban Heat Island (UHI) phenomenon was first investigated and described by Luke Howard in the 1810s, although he was not the one to name the phenomenon (Sham, 1980; Tursilowati, 2005). The term 'urban heat island' describes built up areas that are hotter than nearby rural areas. The annual mean air temperature of a city with 1 million people or more can be 1-3°C warmer than its surroundings. In the evening, the difference can be as high as 12°C, and is most apparent when winds are weak. In a cross section diagram, the form of UHI phenomenon is like an island whereby the highest temperature established in the middle and lowest temperature occurred within the surrounding areas (Efendi, 2007). Urban heat islands can affect communities by increasing summertime peak energy demand, air conditioning costs, air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, heat-related illness and mortality, and water quality. Each city's urban heat island varies based on the city structure and thus the range of temperatures within the island varies as well. Parks and greenbelts reduce temperatures while the Central Business District (CBD), commercial areas, and even suburban housing tracts are areas of warmer temperatures. Every house, building, and road changes the microclimate around it, contributing to the urban heat islands of our cities. The situation is becoming more pronounced with the increase of anthropogenic activities that occur in urban areas (Shaharuddin & Noorzuan, 2010; Purnomohadi, 1995). In addition, heat island phenomenon depends on the stability and the amount of hot wind velocity (Oke, 1982). In the near future it is expected that the global rate of urbanization will increase by 70% of the present world urban population by 2030 (Arrau & Pena 2013; Anon, 2013). As a result, urbanization

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has a negatively impact on the environment mainly by the production of pollution, the modification of the physical and chemical properties of the atmosphere, and the covering of the soil surface. This is also a common phenomenon in Jakarta, Indonesia nowadays whereby urbanization rate increases up to 20.4 % from the 1970s census (Lubis, 2010). It is expected that the population density of Jakarta now is about 661.52 km<sup>2</sup>. Jakarta urban development has expanded to other parts of Jakarta that is Bogor, Depok, Tangerang and Bekasi and known as 'Jabodetabek which accommodate around 23 million people. Based on this figure, therefore, Jakarta is the sixth city in the world with highest population density. As a consequent, more human activities take places in the urban areas whereby it will definitely alter the physical urban environment, especially urban microclimate. On this note, therefore, this study attempts to monitor and analyse temperature differences according to different land uses in Jakarta, especially night temperature.

## 2. Method of Study

This study was carried out within the city of Jakarta, Indonesia. There are several methods that can be used in order to study the UHI phenomenon and one of them is temperature traverse (Iswanto, 2008). In this study, two traverses were formed across the Jakarta area that is the north-south and east-west traverses. The north-south traverse was about 22 km long started at Ancol, northern part of Jakarta right through the Jakarta area and end up at Gerbang Universitas Indonesia, in the south area. There was 26 stations were created to measure temperatures of different land use types along this traverse such as built-up area, housing area, green park, and open space and so on. Meanwhile, the east-west traverse was about 24 km long and it started at gerbang Universitas Budi Mulia in the east and end up at sawah Jembatan Keranji in the west. There were 20 stations along this traverse to measure temperatures of different land use types. Temperature measurement was carried out for about six months that was started in October 2011 and end up in March 2012. The nocturnal temperature measurements were taken at around 21:00 -23:00 hours West Indonesian Time (WIT). Every week two different days were chosen to carry out the measurement that was working days as well as week-end and public holidays. Data from these measurements were then tabulated and analyzed by using excel program. The results of this analyze were then transformed into cross section diagram to create the temperature traverses

across the Jakarta area. Figure 1 shows the nocturnal temperature measurements for the north-south traverse across the Jakarta area. This is the mean temperature measurements for the six months period taken at night (21:00 - 23:00 hours WIT). The result showed that the average nocturnal temperature was about 28.3°C with the Coefficient of Variation of 2.3. The highest average temperature was recorded at about 29.0°C at the Jembatan merah bus station and at the station Swiss Hotel. Meanwhile, while the lowest average temperature of 26.9°C was recorded at the University of Indonesia Gateway station. On a monthly basis, the low average temperature of 27.4°C was calculated for February 2012; meanwhile the average high temperature of 29.4°C was observed in October 2011. Further analysis was carried out in determining the average temperature differences across the north-south traverse for the six months period. The result showed that a small temperature variation was observed along the traverse that was confirmed by the small value of coefficient of variation (1.7). Month to month temperature differences along the traverse displayed a small variation except for March whereby the temperature difference i.e. between the highest and the lowest or the Urban Heat Island Intensity (UHII) was calculated at about 2.7°C. The other months displayed a moderate UHII across this traverse. Therefore the average UHII for the north-south traverse was calculated at around 2.1°C.

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Another temperature traverse was carried out that was the east-west temperature traverse (October 2011 - March 2012). The result of the study is shown in Figure 2. The average monthly temperature for the traverse was calculated at about 28.3°C with the value of coefficient of variation of 1.7. The highest average temperature was observed at Taman Kota Pondok station i.e. 29.2°C; meanwhile the lowest average temperature of 27.6°C was observed at Fly over Ciledug station. On a monthly basis, the study found that October 2011 was recorded the highest temperature of 29.5°C and the lowest temperature of 27.3°C was recorded in February 2012. Based on this finding, therefore, the temperature differences across the traverse were small for February 2012 as compared with the month of October 2011. During the month of October 2011, the highest temperature of 30.6°C was recorded at three stations i.e. the Fly over Pondok Kopi, Rumah Susun Pondok Kopi and McD Buaran; meanwhile the lowest was recorded at the Universitas Budi Mulia station (27.9°C). Thus, the October Urban Heat Island Intensity (UHII) was calculated at about 2.7°C. For the other months, UHIIs were calculated at the moderate to small values. Therefore, the average UHII for the east-west traverse was calculated at about 2.7°C. The UHI in an urban area such as in the city of Jakarta is a common urban climate phenomenon due to rapid urban development that causes natural physical environment turn to man-made environment. The presence of UHI will definitely create more thermal discomfort among urban dwellers. This is due to the fact that, in general this phenomenon creates high temperature, less humid condition and more polluted air. In any urban area, urban design factors such as urban geometry, street canyon, sky view factor and landscape play an important role in modifying the urban