



Revealing Local Wisdom at the Spice Museum to Strengthen National Identity Among Ternate's Young Generation

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INTRODUCTION

- Ideas and concepts of National Identity always grow and develop according to the dynamics of the times and social and political conditions in a country
- Narratives about national identity can be formed through various media
- In the Indonesian context, it is interesting to look again at the process of forming (strengthening) national identity with diverse tribal and ethnic backgrounds.
- Local wisdom is part of the cultural identity of a society
- Local wisdom contains valuable knowledge, which has been passed down from generation to generation and can provide solutions to modern problems
- Local wisdom has significant relevance in the context of national identity for the formation of collective identity, preservation of cultural heritage, unifying the nation, inspiration for sustainable development, education and cultural diplomacy
- The presence of the spice museum has an important role as a custodian of history and culture in terms of preservation, conservation, education, learning, research, development, exhibitions, identity promotion, cultural awareness, collaboration, connection and tourism development

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METHOD

This study method uses a qualitative approach to explore the understanding and perceptions of the younger generation towards local wisdom on display at the Ternate Spice Museum.



FINDING AND DISCUSSION

Ternate Spice Museum

- a. The proposal to build this museum was announced in 2014 with the idea that Ternate was an area rich in spices that European countries such as the Portuguese, Spanish and Dutch came to in the 15th century.
- b. The fame of these spices made Ternate one of the main trading centers in Asia in the past.
- c. Apart from private collections of culture lovers, there are a number of historical collections of warriors that have been published, including statues, kora-kora boats, and historical stories of warriors depicted in the form of sketches.

This museum is a research facility on spices and is an attractive tourist attraction for tourists, especially from countries that were connected to Ternate in the past.



Local Wisdom in Ternate

Understanding Local Wisdom

is knowledge, values, beliefs, norms, customs and practices that develop and are passed down from generation to generation in a particular society or community. Local wisdom reflects a way of life, world view, and ways of interacting with the environment that have been tested by time and local situations.

Examples of local wisdom related to spices :

Seasoning for typical Ternate dishes such as "*gohu ikan*" (special Ternate sashimi) and "*papeda*" (sago porridge).

Cloves and nutmeg are used in traditional cooking, medicine, and traditional rituals

Spice museum in the Fort Oranje Ternate Area

EXISTING

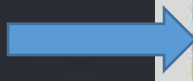
Bangunan Asli Pada Benteng

Legend:
■ Bangunan baru (New buildings)
■ Bangunan semi permanen yg berada di sekitar benteng (Semi-permanent buildings around the fort)

FOTO Kondisi disekitar KAWASAN Benteng ORANGE (existing)

Detailed description: The slide features a central architectural floor plan of Fort Oranje. The plan is overlaid with color-coded rectangles: red for 'Bangunan baru' (new buildings) and yellow for 'Bangunan semi permanen yg berada di sekitar benteng' (semi-permanent buildings around the fort). A blue arrow points from the text 'Spice Museum' on the left to a specific red rectangle on the plan. Surrounding the plan are several photographs of various buildings, some with traditional roofs and others more modern, representing the existing conditions in the area.

Spice Museum



Ternate spice museum



Collection of spice grinding stones



Collection of spice drink drums



Spice collection



Collection photos and labels

National identity for the younger generation

National identity plays an important role in shaping the character, morals and sense of pride of the younger generation. Through understanding and respecting national identity, the younger generation can develop into individuals with integrity, making positive contributions, and ready to face global challenges while maintaining their identity. Museums and educational institutions have an important role in educating and inspiring young people about the importance of national identity.

CONCLUSION

Local wisdom and the spice museum in Ternate have complementary roles in preserving and promoting the spice cultural heritage. Local wisdom ensures that traditional knowledge and practices remain alive and relevant, while spice museums serve as custodians and disseminators of that knowledge. Together, they help strengthen cultural identity, support economic and environmental sustainability, and educate future generations about the importance of the spice heritage of Ternate in particular and Indonesia in general.

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