

# Performance Study On Check-in Counter Terminal toward the Passenger Level Of Service at Sultan Babullah Airport, Ternate

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**Abstract:** The purpose of this study is to analyze the performance of check-in counter at Sultan Babullah airport, Ternate. The primary data obtained through survey, interviews, and discussions with manager of airport, Government official, and passengers. The secondary data conducted from several agencies, namely airline companies, Technical Operational Unit of airport, Directorate General of Air Transport and the Central Bureau of Statistics. Forecasting analysis of passengers and aircrafts using time series method to calculate the trend values (SPSS 16.0 Programe). The existing of check-in area space was not adequate, level of service of check-in area (based on IATA standards) was in the E category, the percentage of performance services at check-in counter already reached 92.42%. The research results used to analyse the design and determine the performance of facility at the airport check-in counter.

**Keywords:** Airport, Check-in Area, Level Of Service.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Airports are the perceptions of a gateway of an area, region, even state and have become a symbol of prestige that will be remembered by aircraft passengers both domestically and internationally [1,15,16]. Sultan Babullah airport is an airport, which is quite high of level of service to the flow of passengers and goods. Sultan Babullah airport management still in the authority of Technical Operational Unit (TOU) of Directorate General of Air Transport, Ministry of Transport, Republic of Indonesia. Limited of check-in counter services equipment facilities at airport departure terminal of Sultan Babullah will have an impact on the number of passengers queues waiting for service proceed.

Problems that occurred in the form of chaos in the check-in counter services. The normal time to wait at the check-in counter services was < 2 minutes, and the average time at the check-in proceed was 2 minutes 30 seconds. However, it was also found that passenger could wait more than 20 minutes.

## II. RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this study are:

- Analyzing the capacity of existing condition at check-in counter, with space standard calculations based on Ministry Decree No. 20, 2005.
- Measuring Level of Service at check-in counter area at Sultan Babullah airport based on IATA standards.
- Analyzing the performance of check-in counter area based on Director General of Civil Aviation

- Forecasting on departing passengers at check-in area and capacity at Sultan Babullah Airport in the next 5 years.

## III. AIRPORT CONCEPT

Based on Law of Republic of Indonesia (No 1, 2009), airport is an area of land and/or water with certain limits, which are used as a place of aircraft landing and take-off, up and down for passengers; loading and unloading of goods, and movements of intra and intermodal transport, which is equipped with a safety facility and aviation security, as well as basic facilities and other supporting facilities [5 – 13].

The terminal building is a central point for public, passengers and all activities of employees and is a fundamental part for the operation of an airport ([http://id.wikipedia.org/wiki/terminal\\_bandar\\_udara](http://id.wikipedia.org/wiki/terminal_bandar_udara)) [1,2,14,15,16].

Passenger terminal should be able to accommodate the operations, administration and commercial, and must meet the requirements of security and safety of flight operations, in addition to other requirements related to building issues. (SKEP-347-XII-1999) (SKEP-347-XII-1999) [5 – 13].

## IV. CHECK-IN AREA & CHECK-IN COUNTER DESKS

According to Directorate General of Air Transportation (SKEP/77/VI/2005), to calculate the check-in area, used the following equation [11].

$$A = 1,1 [0,25(a+b)]$$

Description :

- A = wide of check-in area (m<sup>2</sup>)
- a = number of departing passenger at peak hours
- b = number of transit passenger

Table 1 shows the space of check-in area.

**Table 1. Space Standard of Check-in Area**

Terminal	Check-in Area(m <sup>2</sup> )
Small	≤ 16
Moderate	16 – 33
Intermediate	34 – 165
Big	166 - 495

Sourcer: Directorate General of Air Transportation, SKEP/77/VI/2005 [11]

The space of *check-in area* at Sultan Babullah airport currently as big as 34.35 m<sup>2</sup>, so as mentioned in Table 1, the terminal is already included in the intermediate category. To calculate the number of *check-in counters*, used the following equation.

$$N = 1,1 \left( \frac{a+b}{60} \right) \times t1 \text{ Counter}$$

Description :

- N = number of desks
- a = number of departing passengers at peak hours
- b = number of transit passengers (20%)
- t1= processing time at *check-in counter/pax* (2 minutes/pax)

### V. CHECK-IN COUNTER PERFORMANCE

Based on the Directorate General of Air Transportation Decree (SKEP/284/X/1999), the performance of an airport can be assessed using the airport operational performance standards associated with the *level of service*. To the *check-in counter*, there are several things that can be taking as an indicator of quality of service, i.e. waiting times and processing time, baggage delivery, providing the *check-in counter* desks, through the provision of computers and scales [4,6,19]. Whereas under the provisions of the IATA in *Airport Development Reference Manual* (ADRM) given a coefficient comparison at each Level of Service starting from level A to level F.

Table 2. Category Standard LoS based on IATA Standard

No.	LoS	Coeff. of Comparison
1	A	1
2	B	0,8
3	C	0,6
4	D	0,4
5	E	0,2
6	F	<0,2

Source: IATA Standards

### VI. FORECASTING THEORY

An airport plan (Horenjeff/McKelvey, 1988) should be developed based on an estimate (*forecast*). From the requests estimates can be evaluated/determined the effectiveness of airport facilities. In general, estimates are needed for short, medium, and long terms or roughly 5 years, 10 years, and 20 years [15,16].

A prediction or forecast is a good course that is able to estimate the number of data as accurately as possible, or estimate as small as possible. Minimal error can be anticipated by calculating the value of the trend with SPSS program [17]. Trend is a up or down movements in the long term that is obtained from the average change over time and the value is quite flat (smooth). To Calculate the trend values can be done by several methods, including:

- a. Least Square Method :  
Y = a + bx
- b. Quadratic Trend Method :  
Y = a + bx + cx<sup>2</sup>
- c. Exponential Trend Method:  
Y = a (e<sup>bx</sup>)

### VII. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Methods of data collection based on field survey (*Cross Sectional Survey*), in which the information was collected only at a particular time, means that data collection can be done not just on one day, but it can be done in a few weeks because of the situation. (Kountur, 2004).

Study of *check-in counters* performance were only focused on the airlines of Sriwijaya Air, Garuda Indonesia Airways, and Wings Air, these airlines could represent the performance of facilities *check-in counters*, because it has the largest number of passengers.

#### Research Location

This research was carried out at the Sultan Babullah airport terminal for two weeks, starting on February 4, 2013 until February 18, 2013. The site location was on the *check-in counters area* of 2 (two) airlines companies, namely, Garuda Indonesia Airways, Sriwijaya Air.



Fig. 1. Airport Location

#### Data Collection

In the process of data collection, there were two types of data, i.e. primary and secondary data. Primary data, which gained for existing *check-in area*, waiting time and processing time per passenger, and the availability of *check-in counter* desks. As for secondary data was conducted for number of passengers and aircraft movements (arrived and departed) from 2007-2011 based on the statistical data derived from Technical Operational Unit, Directorate General of Air Transportation, and the Central Bureau of Statistics.

### VIII. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Here are the graphs of the movements of passengers and aircrafts within the last 5 years. Figure 3 shows, the passenger growth increased each year from 2007 until 2012 with an average growth of 23.90 %, while Figure 4 shows, the aircraft movements each year has increased from 2007 to the year 2012 with an average growth of 13.51 %.



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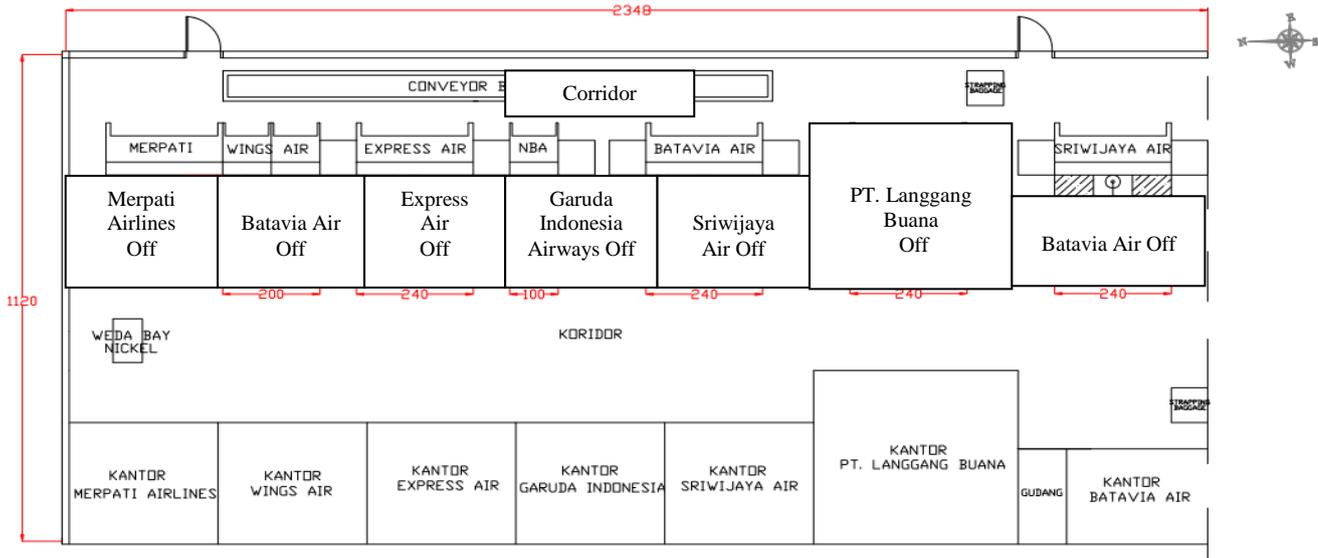
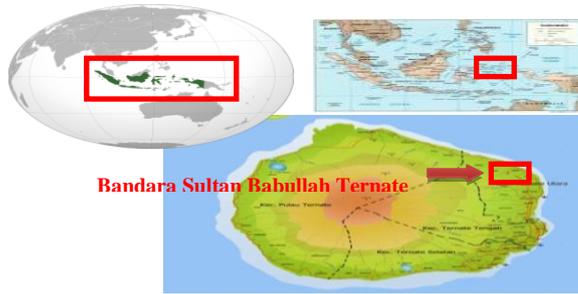


Fig. 2. Layout of Existing Check-in Area at Sultan Babullah Airport

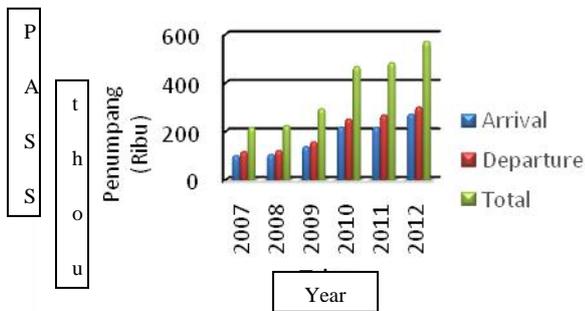


Fig. 3. Passenger Movement at Sultan Babullah Airport  
Source: Directorate General of Air Transport and Central Bureau of Statistics)

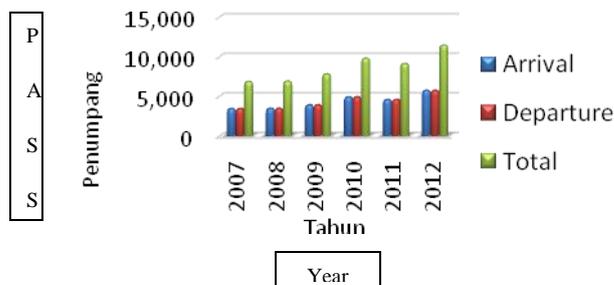


Fig. 4. Aircraft Movement at Sultan Babullah Airport  
Source: Directorate General of Air Transport and Central Bureau of Statistics