# THE USE OF PRECAST CONCRETE SYSTEMS IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF LOW-COST APARTMENTS IN INDONESIA

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# **ABSTRACT**

The application of precast concrete structural systems have been attaining vast progress worldwide, particularly in Indonesia in the last few decades. This is due to the fact that the precast structural systems possess several advantages compared to monolithic systems, such as quality control, speedy construction, and suitable application to regularly modular systems. In the middle of 2006, the Indonesia Government launched massive and speedy construction of 1000 low-cost apartment towers nationwide. To cope with the enormous need, Indonesian prominent research workers have been developing several precast concrete structural systems.

The paper deals with the research and the application of precast concrete structural systems in Indonesia. The paper also describes the vast development already achieved to date in the applications of the precast concrete structural systems in the constructions of low-cost apartments in Indonesia. The research and applications of precast concrete structural systems are intended to support accelerated construction of one thousand low-cost apartment tower throughout large cities in Indonesia.

**KEYWORDS**: precast concrete, low-cost apartment.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The applications of precast concrete systems have attained accelerated progress worldwide, due to several aspects, such as good quality control, speedy construction, economy, and sound environment pertaining in the precast concrete practices. In Indonesia, the central Government has launched a national movement in 2003, called Gerakan Nasional Pengembangan Sejuta Rumah (GN-PSR). Since initiation of precast research in 1995, several prominent researchers have scored about 22 concrete precast systems applicable to constructions of medium up to high rise apartment buildings.

Till 2006, medium rise apartments have been built, and since 2003, 50 blocks of apartments are targeted yearly, Beginning middle of 2006, the Government launched construction of 1000 low-cost apartment towers, by the issuance of Presidential decree no. 22 in the year of 2006. It is targeted to build 150 blocks of medium rise apartments yearly and 300 blocks of high rise apartments until the year of 2011. To cope with such enormous needs, intensive research works on high rise apartment has been launched. A prototype of the research result was first applied in Pulogebang, East Jakarta. The paper deals with the development of research and application of precast concrete structural systems, both medium and high rise systems already achieved in Indonesia to date.

## 2. RESEARCH ON PRECAST CONCRETE SYSTEMS IN INDONESIA

Although the application of precast concrete system to multi-storey apartment buildings can be traced back to the construction of apartment building at Sarijadi, Bandung in 1979, significant research on precast concrete building was initiated by founding an association, namely Indonesian Association of Precast and Prestressed Concrete Engineers in 1999. To date, about 22 precast structural systems have been designed, patented and applied nationwide. See Table 1 for explanation. In 2007, Department of Public Works, the Republic of Indonesia has adopted several standards and manuals in the design, testing, fabrications, and handling of precast concrete structural systems.

Table 1 List of precast concrete structural systems in Indonesia

| No. | Product Brand                   | Year | Patent Holder   | License Holder                   |
|-----|---------------------------------|------|---|----------------------------------|
| 1   | Brecast                         | 1979 | UK  | Not active                       |
| 2   | Cortina                         | 1981 | Meksiko   | Not active                       |
| 3   | Waffle Crete System             | 1995 | Waffle Crete International (USA)                                      | PT Nusacipta Etikapura           |
| 4   | Citra Ratu Bearing Wall         | 1997 | Australia   | PT Citra Ratu Mulia              |
| 5   | Column Slab System              | 1997 | JH Simanjuntak  | PT JHS Precast Concrete Industri |
| 6   | Beam Column Slab System         | 1998 | PT Adhi Karya   | PT Adhimix Precast Indonesia     |
| 7   | All Load Bearing Wall System    | 1998 | PT Adhi Karya   | PT Adhimix Precast Indonesia     |
| 8   | Jasubakim System                | 1999 | Binsar Hariandja & Sjafei Amri  | PT Istaka Karya                  |
| 9   | Bresphaka System                | 1999 | Binsar Hariandja & Sjafei Amri  | PT Hutama Karya                  |
| 10  | L Shape Wall System             | 1999 | Brycon Internasional (UK)   | Not active                       |
| 11  | T-Cap System                    | 2000 | Lutfi Faisal, Arief Sabarudin,  | PT Pembangunan Perumahan         |
| 12  | Less Moment Connection System   | 2002 | Binsar Hariandja, Sjafei Amri<br>Binsar Hariandja, Sjafei Amri, Samsu | PT Paesa Pasindo Engineering     |
| 13  | Wasppico System                 | 2003 | Trihadi,Moresende,Jendri PT Pacific Prestressed Indonesia             | PT Waskita Karya                 |
| 14  | WR System                       | 2003 | PT Wika Realty  | PT Wika Realty                   |
| 15  | Spircon System                  | 2004 | Lutfi Faisal  | PT Nindya Karya                  |
| 16  | PSA System                      | 2004 | Prijasambada, Andy K Manik  | PT Limadjabat Jaya               |
| 17  | Sistem Kolom Multi Lantai (KML) | 2005 | Edenta Simiraya   | PT Ultra Jasa Prima Persada      |
| 18  | Sistem Priska                   | 2005 | Prijasambada & PT Istaka Karya  | PT Istaka Karya                  |
| 19  | Sistem C-Plus                   | 2006 | Sutadji Yuwasdiki   | Puslitbang Permukiman            |
| 20  | Sistem PPI                      | 2007 | PT Pacific Prestress Indonesia  | PT Pacifiic Prestress Indonesia  |
| 21  | Sistem PSA V                    | 2007 | Prijasambada  | PT Pembangunan Perumahan         |
| 22  | Sistem PSA VI                   | 2007 | Prijasambada  | PT Mextron Eka Persada           |

Minimum requirements a precast concrete system has to be fulfilled in order to be applicable in construction field are, among others, the design and patenting, laboratory testing, and mock-up. A seminar will be conducted so as to determine the acceptability of the newly developed system, followed by the issuance of a certificate sanctioned by the Department of Public Works. Concerning the laboratory testing, several aspects pertaining to the newly structural precast systems, are investigated, i.e., the strength, failure mechanism, load-displacement hysteretic loop, and some other factors such load reduction factor R [6,8,9]. In the laboratory testing, earthquake

excitation load should be considered, due to the fact that almost large cities in Indonesia are located in medium up to strong earthquake motion [2]. See Figure 1 as explanation.

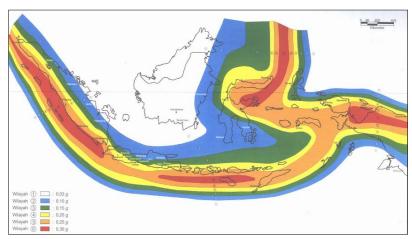


Figure 1: Earthquake zoning map of Indonesia

# 3. NORMS, STANDARDS, PROCEDURES AND MANUALS

Nowadays, no formal norms, standards, specifications nor manuals concerning precast concrete available for practices in Indonesia. For the time being, practices in the design and field applications are carried out referring to local and foreign standards such as Indonesian concrete code SNI 03-2847-2002, PCI, ACI, AASHTO or UBC codes [1,2,3,4,5,7,10].

Today, National Bureau for Standard (Badan Standard Nasional, BSN) and Research and Development Bureau (Badan Penelitian dan Pengembangan, Balitbang) Department of Public Works undergo programs to establish norms, standards, specifications and manuals concerning precast concrete practices.

### 4. DESIGN OF MULTI-STOREY PRECAST CONCRETE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS

Generally, following engineering practices, design of a multi-storey low-cost apartment is carried out by considering soil condition, dead and live loading, earthquake zoning of the location of construction to determine earthquake excitation load. As far as earthquake loading is concerned, load reduction factors for light, moderate and strong earthquake are taken as R = 5.5, 8.5 and 8.5 respectively [2].

To minimize shape effect, floor plant is managed to be more symmetrical, with aspect ratio not to exceed 3.0. Should ground floor is construed to be an open storey, extra lateral bracing should be provided. See Figure 2 and Figure 3 as explanation.

# 5. APPLICATIONS OF PRECAST CONCRETE SYSTEMS IN INDONESIA

As already mentioned before, the applications of precast concrete structural systems were initiated in 1979 in the construction of Sarijadi low-cost medium rise apartment in Bandung, West Java. The use of waffle-crete system (American patent) in the project of Cengkareng apartment in 1995, as shown in Figure 4 and 5, has ever since ignited the motivation of Indonesian engineers to design and discover several precast concrete structural systems already tabulated in Table 1. It should be brought to mind that with the total population of Indonesia about 250 millions, and an estimated 1.0 percent rate of annual birth and an assumption of 4 persons per family,

about 600,000 units of housing are needed to construct annually, not to mention the back-log and restorations that has ever been accruing annually.

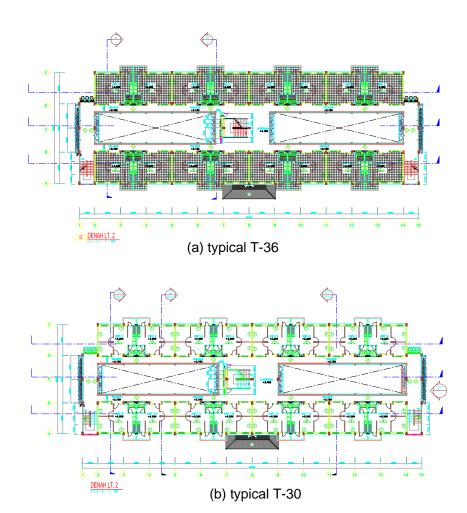


Figure 2: Typical symmetrical floor plan

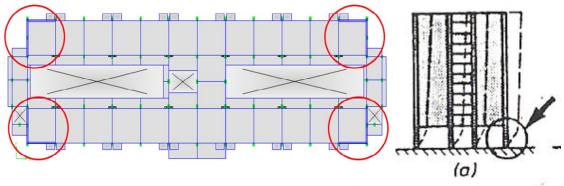


Figure 3: Lateral bracing for soft storey









Figure 4: Cengkareng low-cost apartment, inspected by the late President Soeharto in 1995

The initiation of low-cost housing program that carried out at Sarijadi in 1979, was accelerated beginning in 1995. Subsequently, in 2003, low-cost apartment program was initiated by the Directorate of Housing and Settlement, Department of Public Works. Several institutions such as Batam Authority, Pelindo, DKI, Perumnas, Jamsostek, took part in this national housing program.



Kalicode, Yogyakarta



Sleman, Yogyakarta



Sam Ratulangi Univ., Manado



Andalas Univ., Padang

Figure 5: Several apartments that survived strong earthquake in 2004-2008

As far as the low-cost housing program launched by the Directorate of Housing and Human Settlement is concerned, several pilot projects have already completed in 2003-2004, as shown in Table 2 until Table 5. In the era of the new Government (2004-2009), the housing program is administered and carried out by two institutions, i.e., Department of Public Works and State Ministry of Public Housing. The Department of Public Works is held responsible for the restoration of slum settlement region, while State Ministry of Public Housing is held responsible for the construction of low-cost apartments for government employees and workers.

Table 2: Apartment built by Dept. of Public Works, 2003-2004

| No | Location     | Туре | Units | Storey | DED  | Constructor |
|----|--------------|------|-------|--------|------|-------------|
| 1  | Batam I      | T27  | 80    | 5      | 2003 | 2003-2004   |
| 2  | Batam II     | T27  | 80    | 5      | 2003 | 2003-2004   |
| 3  | Medan        | T27  | 80    | 5      | 2003 | 2004        |
| 4  | Jakarta I    | T36  | 80    | 5      | 2004 | 2004-2005   |
| 5  | Jakarta II   | T30  | 100   | 6      | 2004 | 2004-2005   |
| 6  | Jakarta III  | T30  | 100   | 6      | 2004 | 2004-2005   |
| 7  | Jakarta IV   | T30  | 100   | 6      | 2004 | 2004-2005   |
| 8  | Depok        | T21  | 96    | 5      | 2004 | 2004-2005   |
| 9  | Tangerang    | T21  | 96    | 5      | 2002 | 2002-2004   |
| 10 | Karawang     | T27  | 80    | 5      | 2003 | 2004        |
| 11 | Bekasi       | T21  | 96    | 5      | 2004 | 2004-2005   |
| 12 | Bogor        | T27  | 80    | 5      | 2003 | 2004        |
| 13 | Cimahi I     | T21  | 96    | 5      | 2003 | 2003-2004   |
| 14 | Cimahi II    | T21  | 96    | 5      | 2003 | 2003-2004   |
| 15 | Surakarta    | T21  | 96    | 5      | 2003 | 2003-2004   |
| 16 | Jogjakarta   | T21  | 96    | 4      | 2003 | 2003-2004   |
| 17 | Sleman       | T21  | 96    | 4      | 2004 | 2004-2005   |
| 18 | Gresik       | T21  | 96    | 4      | 2003 | 2003-2004   |
| 19 | Surabaya I   | T21  | 96    | 4      | 2003 | 2003-2004   |
| 20 | Surabaya II  | T21  | 96    | 4      | 2003 | 2003-2004   |
| 21 | Surabaya III | T21  | 96    | 4      | 2003 | 2003-2004   |
| 22 | Surabaya IV  | T21  | 96    | 4      | 2003 | 2003-2004   |
| 23 | Makasar      | T30  | 80    | 5      | 2003 | 2003-2004   |

Table 3: Apartment built by Dept. of Public Works, 2005-2005

| No. | Location                | Storey | Block | Туре         | System             | Contractor                   |
|-----|-------------------------|--------|-------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 1   | Tanjung Balai           | 5      | 1     | 96 unit T 21 | Spircon            | PT Nindya Karya              |
| 2   | Pematang Siantar        | 5      | 1     | 96 unit T 21 | Adhi BCS           | PT Adhimix Precast Indonesia |
| 3   | Palembang               | 5      | 1     | 96 unit T 21 | Adhi BCS           | PT Adhimix Precast Indonesia |
| 4   | Marunda - DKI           | 6      | 2     | 100 unit T30 | Kolom Multi Lantai | PT Ultra Jasa Persada Prima  |
|     |                         |        |       |              |                    | PT Limajabat Jaya JO         |
| 5   | Parung Panjang Bogor    | 5      | 3     | 96 unit T 21 | Priska & PSA       | PT Istaka Karya              |
| 6   | Bogor                   | 5      | 1     | 96 unit T 21 | LMC                | PT Paesa Pasindo Engineering |
| 7   | Bandung                 | 5      | 1     | 96 unit T 21 | PSA                | PT Limadjabat Jaya           |
| 8   | Semarang-Kaligawe/Undip | 4      | 2     | 96 unit T 21 | Waffle Crete       | PT Nusacipta Etikapura       |
| 9   | Yogyakarta-UGM          | 4      | 1     | 96 unit T 21 | JHS Column Slab    | PT Nusacipta Etikapura       |
| 10  | Sidoardjo               | 4      | 1     | 96 unit T 21 | JHS BCS            | PT JHS PCI                   |
| 11  | Surabaya                | 4      | 2     | 96 unit T 21 | Adhi BCS           | PT Adhi Karya                |
| 12  | Entikong                | 5      | 1     | 96 unit T 21 | PSA-PAESA          | PT Paesa Purna JO            |
| 13  | Numikan                 | 4      | 1     | 96 unit T 21 | PSA                | PT BKK Surya Konstruksi-     |
|     |                         |        |       |              |                    | PT Limajabat Jaya JO         |
| 14  | Mariso-Makasar          | 5      | 3     | 96 unit T 21 | PSA-PAESA          | PT Paesa Pasindo Engineering |
| 15  | Jayapura                | 5      | 2     | 96 unit T 21 | Bresphaka          | PT Hutama Karya              |

Table 4: Apartment built by State Ministry of Housing, 2005-2006

| No. | Location         | Storeys | Blocks | Туре         | System              | Contractor               |
|-----|------------------|---------|--------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 1   | Batam            | 5       | 2      | 96 unit T 21 | JHS Column Slab/PSA | PT JHS PCI               |
| 2   | Medan            | 4       | 2      | 96 unit T 21 | Modified-T Cap      | PT Pembangunan Perumahan |
| 3   | Bandung          | 5       | 1      | 96 unit T 21 | PSA                 | PT Limajabat Jaya        |
| 4   | Semarang - Undip | 4       | 1      | 96 unit T 21 | Bresphaka           | PT Hutama Karya          |
| - 5 | Yogyakarta -UII  | 4       | 1      | 96 unit T 21 | Bresphaka           | PT Hutama Karya          |
| 6   | Surabaya         | 5       | 2      | 96 unit T 21 | Precon              | PT Waskita Karya         |
| - 7 | Nunukan          | 4       | 1      | 96 unit T 21 | PSA                 | PT Jaya Konstruksi       |
| 8   | Makasar - UMI    | 4       | 1      | 96 unit T 21 | WR System           | PT Wijaya Karya          |
| 9   | Manado - UNSRAT  | 4       | 1      | 96 unit T 21 | Adhi BCS            | PT Adhi Karya            |

Table 5: Apartment built by the Provincial Government of Jakarta

| No. | Location            | Storeys | Blocks | Туре              | System          | Contractor               |
|-----|---------------------|---------|--------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 1   | Cilincing (1996)    | 6       | 4      | 756 unit T21/28   | Waffle Crete    | PT Nusacipta Etikapura   |
| 2   | Sindang Koja (1999) | 6       | 3      | 292 unit T 21/T30 | Waffle Crete    | PT Nusacipta Etikapura   |
| 3   | Tipar Cakung (2003) | 6       | 10     | 1000 unit T 30    | Modified-T Cap  | PT Pembangunan Perumahan |
|     |                     |         |        |                   |                 | & PT Jaya Konstruksi     |
| 4   | Muara Angke (2004)  | 6       | 6      | 600 unit T 36     | JHS BCS         | PT Raka Utama            |
| 5   | Kapuk Muara (2005)  | 6       | 6      | 600 unit T 30     | JHS BCS/U Sheii | PT Jaya Konstruksi       |
| 6   | Marunda (2005)      | 6       | 2      | 200 unit T 30     | U Shell         | PT Pembangunan Perumahan |
| 7   | Pondok Bambu (2005) | 6       | 2      | 200 unit T 30     | U Shell         | PT Pembangunan Perumahan |
| 8   | Jatirawasari (2005) | 6       | 2      | 200 unit T 21/T30 | Adhi BCS        | PT Bangun Kharisma       |
| 9   | Pegadungan (2005)   | 6       | 2      | 200 unit T30      | Priska          | PT Istaka Karya          |

In private sector, several prominent realtors have already joined the apartment project, especially for middle up to high income people. Other institutions such as P.T. Pelindo, Perum Perumnas, Budha Tzu Chi have also participated in the development of housing facilities.

It is worth mentioning that after earthquake and tsunami disaster, the rehabilitation of housing facilities dictates that strong and yet fast and low-cost housing facilities are badly needed in that region. Similarly, earthquake disaster in Yogyakarta requires low-cost housings. Several applications of precast concrete structure in part have provided such needed facilities.

## 6. CONCLUSIONS

Applications of precast concrete structural systems for the construction of low-cost apartments have gained vast progress worldwide, and so to speak, in Indonesia as well. This is due to the fact that precast concrete systems have several advantages compared to the conventional cast-in-situ concrete systems. This fact has been utilized by the Government of Indonesia, to implement an accelerated progress in the development of public housing facilities, in particular, low-cost rental and owned apartments.

To support the massive program, the Government of Indonesia has already launched a national moratorium on housing construction, referred to as GN-PSR. About 1000 low-cost apartment towers are expected to build in the period of 2003-2011. This program is backed up by the applications of about 22 precast concrete structural systems that already applied thus far.

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