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**Other geographical names issues****Bhumandala Nama Rupabumi Awards: an effective  
evaluation mechanism for geographical names  
standardization in Indonesia****Summary \*\***

In 2024, the Indonesian Geospatial Information Agency (*Badan Informasi Geospasial* - BIG) held the 10th annual *Bhumandala* Awards, recognizing excellence in geospatial data and infrastructure innovation. Since the 8th annual awards, a dedicated category—*Bhumandala Nama Rupabumi*—has been introduced to honor significant contributions to the standardization of geographical names in Indonesia. This category highlights the persistent efforts of various stakeholders, celebrating achievements in managing and standardizing geographical names as a critical component of national development policies and regional governance.

Over the past three years, the *Bhumandala Nama Rupabumi* Awards have attracted many participants from ministries, national agencies, local governments, private entities, and academia. This increasing participation reflects the stakeholders' commitment to advancing the standardization of geographical names. The awards play a strategic role in motivating institutions to systematically organize and utilize geographical names in alignment with Government Regulation No. 2 of 2021 on the standardization of geographical names.

The paper outlines the development of the *Bhumandala Nama Rupabumi* Awards, focusing on categories, the growth of participants, and assessment mechanisms over the past three years. Notable improvements include expanding the scope of assessments to integrate additional supporting data, revising criteria, adjusting weighting parameters, and diversifying award categories. These enhancements accommodate the increasing number of participants and ensure comprehensive evaluations.

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