Housing Career Characteristic in Urban Slum Area
(Case: Bandarharjo, Semarang)

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ABSTRACT

Generally, every human being has preference to live in comfort home and suits with their need. Budihardjo (1991: 56) said that home is not ending product, but evolutional, sustain and incremental development process. Its implication is repairing home or moving to other home, it’s called housing career. Housing career characteristic in urban slum area differ with other place. The factor differ is land status, that Semarang government's property and Bandarharjo societies just have the right utility to wear. This housing career characteristic evaluated from dwelling pattern, time of live, home status, repairing home activity, job, and biological factors: amount of family, also economic factors: income.

Housing career in Bandarharjo more at improving home quality (home repair), like heightening house building in order not to be suffused when floods and rob happen. While to extend the house (room addition) is enable because land limitation and high settlement density. So, the family addition does not following with room addition. This activity doing by people that omit at Bandarharjo more than 20 years, and usually they live in permanent home. While people that omit less than 20 year at Bandarharjo tend to live in temporary home (rent house). Because live in temporary home, many of them do not try to increase their home quality. Even there is live in permanent home, usually its parent heritage home. Phenomenon of moving to other home outside Bandarharjo is rare. It's because of incomes limitation and to sell the previously house felt difficult because the land status representing Semarang governmental property. The income addition tends to home repair than to buy another home. Moving to other home but still in Bandarharjo area a lot of conducted by new young couple marry by the reason of independence (move from parental home). This moving is conducted in near distance because consanguinity relation reason (related emotionally) and tend at temporary home. This consanguinity relation is because of strong defensive solidarity as migrant in slum area. This housing career phenomenon indicates of sustainable community in urban slum area.

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INTRODUCTION

Premature urbanization which happened in many towns of Indonesia generates various problems. Like environmental problems till high population density which inversely proportional with the accomplishment of public infrastructure and housing. Its implication is a lot of slum area appearance in urban periphery that grow spontaneously.

Housing as one’s of the human basic needs always serve maximally. Generally, everybody wants to live in the balmy home and suits with their wanted. But it’s a difficult thing, caused by some constraint. Like low income, that most of it used to fulfil