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ABSTRACT

The high economic growth is one of indicators of the success of the regional economic development implementation. Gunungkidul is a regency in Daerah Istimewa Yogyakarta Province, which has the lowest and decreasing economic growth among the others during these latest five years. The aim of this research is to explain the cause of the low economic growth in Gunungkidul Regency.

The goal of this research is to analyze the economic aspects influencing the macroeconomic growth, those are investment, labour, and technology in Gunungkidul Regency, and to give recommendation to the government of Gunungkidul Regency as an input in making any policies. The data is collected via interview with some experts, those are the authoritative sources, the academics, and the entrepreneurs either in province or regency level. The interview is the opinion of theirs about the economic growth in Gunungkidul Regency. The economic aspects influencing the macro economic growth analysis and the Delphi method are applied as the analytic instrument. The result of analysis shows that the little investment value causes the limited of work, the increasing of unemployment, the decreasing of social income, the decreasing of social purchasing power, which all of them make the regional economic growth lowered. The less qualified labour as the second determinant is not able to apply the technology well, which will decrease the productivity. The role of technology as the third determinant, where the technological application is not optimal because of the less qualified labour, makes the output additional value produced decreased and the social income lowered.

The research recommendation on investment aspect is to increase the competitive power in agricultural field, which is able to absorb many labours and to simplify investment procedure, and also increase the infrastructure. The labour aspect still needs continuous improvement on education and skill. The technological aspect needs quantity and quality improvement for character building and training on agricultural and industry field.

Key words : Economic growth, Investment, Labour, Technology.