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## Mining is economic mainstay in East Kalimantan

The mining and quarrying sector contributes the largest to the East Kalimantan Province's economy in 2022.

Official statistics put the sector's contribution to Gross Regional Domestic Product (GRDP) of the province in 2022 at about 53.24 percent or Rp 490.5 trillion, a spokesperson of the region's Statistics Indonesia, Yusniar Juliana, revealed on Sunday Feb 12).

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"GRDP at current prices in East Kalimantan Province throughout 2022 reaches Rp 921.33 trillion, originating from roughly 20 business fields," said Juliana.

The second largest GRDP contributor is the processing industry with a share of 15.05 percent or Rp. 138.63 trillion, while the field of construction ranks third with a contribution of 7.7 percent or Rp. 70.94 trillion.

Global interests are being drawn to East Kalimantan, located on Borneo island south of Sabah state, as the Indonesian government works to realising its goal of creating a new national capital in the province. It will replace long-time capital Jakarta, in eastern Java, which is rapidly sinking and plagued by over population, water shortages and pollution.

The economic impact expected is expected to be widespread and Malaysia, being

Indonesia's neighbour is standing up and paying attention with many government and business delegations visiting East Kalimantan on prospecting visits.

The East Kalimantan Province's economy in 2022 has grown by 4.48 percent, higher than the previous year's achievements which logged 2.55 percent growth. For the production side, the highest economic growth in the region occurred in the transportation and warehousing business sector which recorded 11.96 percent growth.

Based on business fields, he explained, the structure of the East Kalimantan economy has not undergone significant changes and there remain five business fields that dominate the region's economy.

"The five business fields are mining and quarrying, processing industry, construction, agriculture, forestry, and fisheries with a share of 7.04 percent, as well as wholesale and retail trade, car and motorcycle repair contributing 5.16 percent," he said.