

## Urban growth, informal sector and poverty

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### Abstrak

This article is focused on the effect of economic development, especially urban development, upon informal activities and urban poor. The gist of this article is that although an impressive record of economic growth had been achieved during PJP I (the first long term development strategy), the urban informal activities and urban poor still seemed to experience the same problems. Partly these are a result of the development implemented, which tends to be concentrated in urban areas of Java, especially around the primate city of Jakarta. This inequality of development not only affected the performance of development activities but has also hindered the spread of employment opportunities to other areas, both rural and urban. Consequently, most of the urban labour forces have been forced to remain involved in the informal activities and therefore keep them stay in the poor conditions.