

Indonesia to Work With Singapore on E-Government Program

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Yuddy Chrisnandi, the minister for administrative and bureaucratic reform, wants Indonesia to emulate Singapore's efficient bureaucracy. (Antara Photo/Widodo S. Jusuf)

The Indonesian government plans to enlist the help of Singaporean authorities in implementing its e-government system, having already pledged to get the support of the South Korean and Australian governments.

The three countries rank in the top of the 2014 United Nation e-Government Survey, while Indonesia came in at 105th.

“Other than South Korea, we also want to work with Singapore, whose e-government system is good,” Yuddy Chrisnandi, the minister for administrative and bureaucratic reform, said in Jakarta on Tuesday.

“Singapore has made the best use of the e-government system to disseminate information to the people, businesses and state officials,” he added.

The e-government system, in which administrative affairs will be computerized, is expected to result in a significantly streamlined bureaucracy and shorter waiting times for things like permit approvals and the issuance of ID cards and other government-sanctioned documents.

Singapore has implemented an e-government since the 1980s, to which it attributes hefty savings of time and money for the government.