PREFACE

Journal of Maritime Policy Sciences, managed by the Center for Maritime Policy Governance Studies (CMPGS) Universitas Maritim Raja Ali Haji. Indonesia, serves as a vital platform for the dissemination of research and scholarly work in the field of maritime policy. This journal aims to foster a deeper understanding of maritime issues, promote innovative policy frameworks, and facilitate discussions that are crucial for the sustainable development of maritime resources. The journal invites contributions from researchers, policymakers, and practitioners interested in various aspects of maritime studies, including maritime governance, shipping regulations, marine environmental protection, maritime security, and the socio-economic impacts of maritime activities.

The first article, KADO SPESIAL: Strategic Innovation for Conservation Area Management in Pieh Island National Marine Protected Area, West Sumatra. Focuses on innovative strategies for managing conservation areas within the Pieh Island National Marine Protected Area. The paper discusses the importance of integrating strategic innovations to balance conservation efforts with sustainable development, highlighting the role of local communities, government, and technology in protecting marine biodiversity while promoting eco-friendly tourism. The second article, Galang Batang SEZ Advancing the Blue Economy through Strategic Development, examines the development of the Galang Batang Special Economic Zone (SEZ) as a driving force for Indonesia's blue economy. The paper analyzes how strategic infrastructure and policy initiatives within the SEZ contribute to sustainable economic growth, particularly in maritime industries like fisheries, aquaculture, and ocean-based tourism. The third article, Exploring Technological Innovation in Wave Forecasting Using Machine Learning: A Literature Analysis, reviews the use of machine learning technologies in improving wave forecasting models. This paper explores the potential of artificial intelligence and data-driven approaches to enhance the accuracy of wave predictions, which are critical for maritime safety, coastal management, and the shipping industry. The fourth article, Stakeholder Analysis of Indonesia's Trade in the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) with Non-ASEAN Actors, offers a comprehensive analysis of Indonesia's trade relationships within the framework of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), focusing on non-ASEAN stakeholders. The study identifies key players, trade dynamics, and challenges in engaging with non-ASEAN countries, emphasizing the need for strategic trade policies and collaboration to maximize Indonesia's benefits from the RCEP agreement. The final article, Nation Branding of Kepulauan Riau Through Subregional Cooperation in The Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle (IMT-GT), explores how the Riau Islands Province is enhancing its international image through its involvement in the IMT-GT subregional cooperation. The paper highlights the province's efforts to position itself as a key player in economic growth, tourism, and cultural exchange in the subregion.