

## PEMERINTAH PROVINSI BALI DINAS PARIWISATA BALI GOVERNMENT TOURISM OFFICE

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## **OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

Dear people that concerned about Tourism in Bali

Bali Government Tourism Office notes the raised of the hazard level of Mount Agung Volcano from level 3 (alert) to level 4 (danger) can discouraged the tourists in Bali but there was something that the Tourists should not be worries since most of the tourism destinations are far away from the volcano. As Ubud area is 51 km away from the Mount Agung while Sanur Area, Kuta beach and Jimbaran are more than 72 km from the volcano.

As until 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017 the volcano has not erupted and there was no volcanic ash. A radius of nine kilometres and 12 kilometres around the mountain was considered dangerous but most of the other tourist destinations were otherwise safe.

We are urged tourist to continue visiting Bali because Bali still safe for the tourist. The island is safe expect for the areas around Mount Agung. Flights in and out of Ngurah Rai International Airport remain normal with 50,000 to 60,000 travellers in and out of Bali Island every day.

There are nine alternative airports outside of Bali had been prepared for diverted flights if volcanic ash was detected and also 300 buses would be available to transport affected travellers to ferry ports and bus stations so they could leave Bali if flights were affected. We have been doing all the preparedness that is needed.

And for the last time once again we confirm that Bali is still safe for the tourism. "Bali tourism is safe". Do not spread misleading news that Bali is not safe because Mount Agung is on the highest alert status. Please come and visit Bali,"

Denpasar, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017

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