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Tourism industry and services are not only money maker enterprises but also promote human resource development that brings progress and prosperity to the region in a positive way. They can although bring negative effects such as environmental pollution, social and cultural conflicts, not to mention the rising cost of living at the touristic places, but the overall positive effect is the improvement of both the economy and social conditions of the country. The policy on tourism management is therefore included in the National Strategic Plan in both developed and developing countries in the world.

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