

ABSTRACT

The authentic leadership of the Head of the Yogyakarta Presidential Palace plays a role in the dynamics of network governance between the Yogyakarta Presidential Palace and the Regional Government of the Special Region of Yogyakarta (DIY). The relationship established between these institutions represents an interaction within public administration that has distinctive characteristics, namely the linkage between the presidential institution as a representation of the central government and a region government that holds a special autonomous status.

This study employs a mixed methods approach, in which the quantitative stage is used to measure the level of authentic leadership of the Head of the Yogyakarta Presidential Palace. This stage is then followed by qualitative phase to deepen the understanding of how authentic leadership influences the dynamics of network relations between the Yogyakarta Presidential Palace and the Regional Government of the Special Region of Yogyakarta (DIY). The quantitative stage measures several dimension of authentic leadership, there are self-awareness, relational transparency, balanced processing, and internalized moral perspective. The findings from this stage are further explored in the qualitative phase through in depth interviews, observation, and document analysis to understand how the leadership of the Head of the Yogyakarta Presidential Palace facilitates coordination and interaction among institutions.

The study findings state that the leadership of the Head of the Yogyakarta Presidential Palace demonstrates a relatively strong level of authentic leadership and positively contributes to the quality of network governance between the Presidential Palace and the Regional Government of the Special Region of Yogyakarta (DIY). This contribution is reflected in open communication, balanced institutional roles, and sustained cooperation in implementation of various state and official activities in Yogyakarta. The study also contributes theoretically to the development of authentic leadership research within the context of governmental network governance, particularly in inter-institutional relationships characterized by strong symbolic and cultural dimensions, such as those between the Presidential Palace and the Regional Government of the Special Region of Yogyakarta (DIY). Furthermore, the findings suggest that authentic leadership strengthens internal organizational relationships while enhancing coordination and interaction among actors within governmental networks.

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