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No tobacco meeting in Bali: Governor

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Denpasar: Governor Made Mangku Pastika has strongly rejected the plan to hold an international tobacco and smoking accessories exhibition in Bali on Feb. 27 through Feb. 28.

“I will certainly halt the exhibition if the committee still insists on holding the event here,” Pastika said during a charity event in Denpasar on Sunday night.

The German-based Inter-tabac Asia had planned to hold an international exhibition on the island of Bali.

The provincial administration has already sent notification to the organizing committee rejecting the plan.

Bali has a regulation banning smoking and tobacco-related advertisements in public places, including schools, hospitals, government and private offices, hotels, restaurants and other facilities.

A board member of the Tobacco Control Network, Titik Suhariyati, meanwhile said that the world would laugh at Indonesia if the Inter-tabac exhibition was held in Bali.

Representatives from Indonesia, Cambodia, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Timor Leste, the US and Vietnam expressed their hope that Indonesia and the provincial administration would ban the planned exhibition.