# 3. Promotion Strategy of Tourist Visit at Bhumi Merapi Agrotourism in Sleman District

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Abstract: Agrotourism Bhumi Merapi is a tourism destination based on agriculture, plantations and livestock, located on Jl. Kaliurang, Sawangan, Hargobinangun, Pakem Sleman, Special Region of Yogyakarta. Visitors can relax and study at the same time in a cool and comfortable place. The purpose of this study was to determine the promotion strategy applied by the manager of Agrotourism Bhumi Merapi in increasing tourist visits. The type of the research is descriptive qualitative research which is a research method that utilizes qualitative data and describes descriptively. The reason for choosing the topic was because the researchers want to describe the conditions observed in the field more specifically, transparently and in depth. Meanwhile, in collecting the data, the researchers conducted interviews and observations. Those who were chosen as informants were the managers of agrotourism Bhumi Merapi and 10 domestic tourists. The data analysis method employs the John WC reswell model, which uses the following steps: data collection, data reduction, data presentation, and affirmation of conclusions. The results of the study indicate that promotional strategy used by the manager of agrotourism Bhumi Merapi is through social media called Instagram and Facebook and doings sales promotions assisted by Sleman Regency Tourism Office. It can be summed up that after the emergence of Instagram social media, the manager prefers to use it as promotional tools rather than using Facebook because Instagram is considered more effective, easier and faster in the process of using and disseminating information.

Keywords: agrotourism; promotion strategy; tourist destination; tourist visit

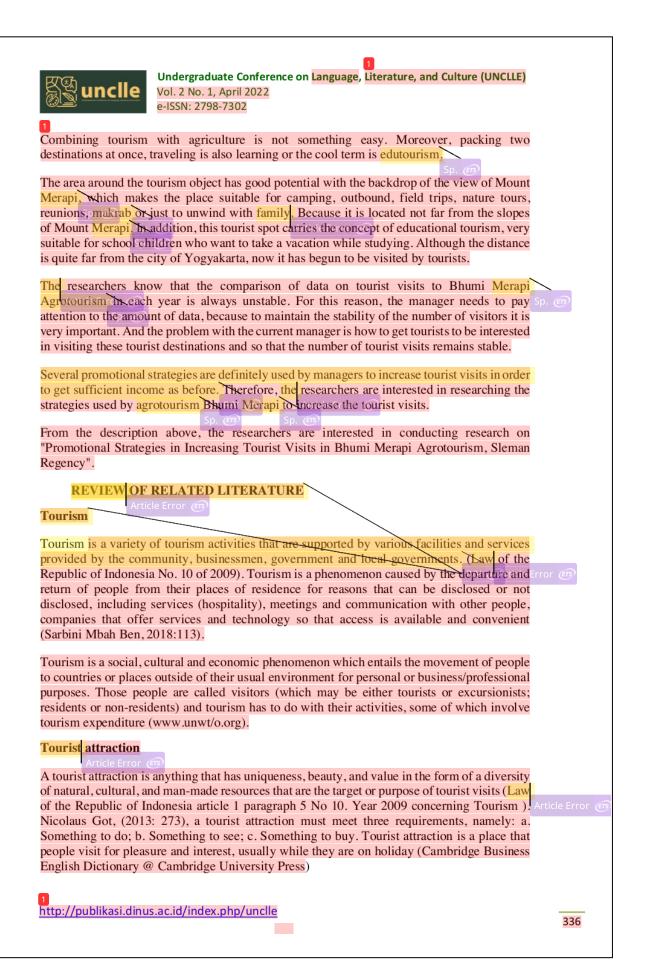
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#### **RESEARCH BACKGROUND**

Yogyakarta is an area that has great potential in terms of developing the tourism business industry. Besides being called a city of education and culture, Yogyakarta is also a tourist city. This can be proven by the increasing number of tourist visits every year, both domestic and foreign tourists. Tourism business actors continue to develop their business in the tourism sector. Because they see Yogyakarta as a promising area for business, especially in terms of its tourism business.

One of the tourist attractions in Sleman Regency is the Bhumi Merapi Agritourism tourism object. Bhumi Merapi Agrotourism is located on Jalan Kaliurang Ka. 20 in Sawungan Hamlet, Hargobinangun, Pakem, Sleman, Yogyakarta. The concept of agrotourism is very unique and interesting, because the concept of tourism is quite rare in various regions in Indonesia.

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### Strategy

According to Jauch and Gleuck (in Amirullah, 2015:5), strategy is a unified, comprehensive and integrated plan that links the company's strategic advantages with environmental challenges and which is designed to ensure that the company's main goals can be achieved through proper implementation by the company. Strategy is understood not only as a variety of ways to achieve goals but also includes the determination of the various goals themselves.

The formulation of a strategy is based on the concept of strategy where, according to Freddy Rangkuti (2015: 4) the strategic concepts are:

a. Distinctive Competence

Actions taken by the company in order to perform activities better than its competitors.

b. Competitive Advantage

Specification activities developed by the company to be superior to its competitors.

#### Agrotourism

According to Bagus and Ruspendi (2015: 84), agritourism is defined as a combination of tourism and agriculture where visitors can visit gardens, farms or wineries to buy products, enjoy performances, take part in activities, eat a meal or skip a meal. night together in a plantation area or park.

In Indonesia, agrotourism or agritourism is defined as a form of tourism activity that utilizes agribusiness as a tourist attraction with the aim of expanding knowledge, experience, recreation and business relations in the agricultural sector.

National Ag Law Center NACL, Agritourism can be defined as a form of commercial enterprise that links agricultural production and/or processing with tourism in order to attract visitors onto a farm, ranch, or other agricultural business for the purposes of entertaining and/or educating the visitors.

#### Tourist

According to Law of the Republic of Indonesia No. 10 of 2009-chapter VII article 20 concerning Tourism, it is stated that every tourist has the right to:

1) Accurate information about tourist attractions

- 2) tourism services according to standards;
- 3) Legal protection and security;

4) Health services

5) Protection of personal rights; and

6) Insurance protection for high-risk tourism activities.

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A tourist is a person who is visiting a place for pleasure and interest, especially when they are on holiday. Synonyms of tourist are: traveler, journeyer, voyager, tripper (British), globetrotter, holiday-maker, sightseer, excursionist (COBUILD Advanced English Dictionary. Copyright @ HarperCollins Publisher).

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People who travel for fun are called "tourists". Places where many tourists stay are sometimes called 'resorts'. Places that people go to for tourism are called soles that (www.simple.m.wikipedia.org)'

#### **RESEARCH METHOD**

The type of the research used in this research is descriptive qualitative. The location of this research was carried-rout in agrotourism Bhumi Merapi, II. Kaliurang, Sawangan, Hargobinangun, Pakem, Sleman, Special Region of Yogyakarta. The sampling technique used Sp. is purposive sampling and the informants of this research are the manager of agroturism Bhumi Merapi and tourists visiting agrotourism Bhumi Merapi. The data collection techniques in this study were observation, interviews, and documentation. Meanwhile, the data analysis method used in this study are data reduction, data presentation, and conclusions

#### RESULT AND DISCUSSION

#### Bhumi Merapi Agrotourism

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Bhumi Merapi's agrotourism was originally just an ordinary plantation area, which was planted with chilies and tomatoes. Until 2010 when Mount Merapi erupted, the plantation area was abandoned, due to the severe damage. This condition occurs because the area is close to Mount Merapi erupted, the area is close to Mount Merapi erupted. In 2011, exactly one year after Mount Merapi erupted, the area was rebuilt. It was planted with rice which was built for rice fields at that s time, and one year after. Precisely from 2012 to 2013 the area was developed by planting sengon trees, ginger plants and a catfish pond was also built. Especially for catfish ponds, at that time there was a lot of fishing theft. Until the harvest time was unexpected, a large number of fish were lost, and it was estimated that the fish in the catfish pond were stolen by local residents. In 2012 to 2013 developments continued, one of which was adding planting, and at that time ginger plants were also added through polybag planting media. Until 2014 there were suggestions from several management colleagues to open a Tourism Village, this is because at the area is a promising area. The existence of a plantation area being built, and also supported by the availability of a large enough land.

Building a Tourism Village seems unlikely, the response from the manager at that time. Until in the end the manager had other thoughts, namely by building tourist attractions. With the advantages of having a plantation area and adding a livestock area, the manager ventured to open a tourist area, and Bhumi Merapi Agrotourism was built. The overall construction was carried out during the fasting month of 2015, during which one month the construction of the Bhumi Merapi Agrotourism area was carried out on a large scale. Until the end of the fasting month the construction was completed and in December 2015 Bhumi Merapi Agrotourism was officially opened. Sp. @ Sp. @

At the inauguration of the opening of the Bhumi Merapi Asrotourism, the company continues to add to the rides provided, so that outbound and camping rides are also built. Ginger, which was only planted and added through polybag planting media, was finally completely replaced

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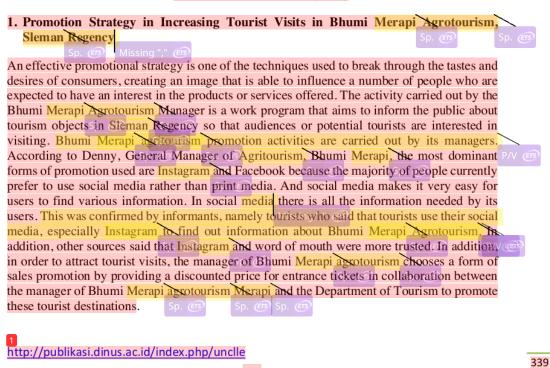
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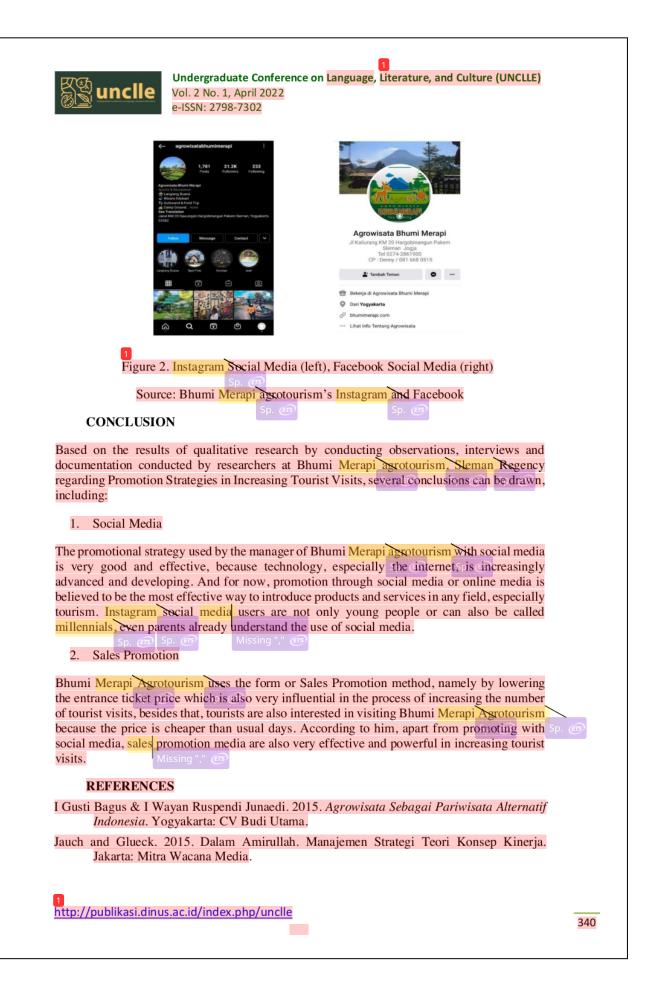
into a special hydroponic vehicle, of course with various kinds of plants in the hydroponic vehicle.

With the historical story of Bhumi Merapi Agrotourism, the management hopes that the company will continue to grow, present new rides and of course make the company a leader in the available markets.



Figure 1. Bhumi Merapi agrotourism Sp. @ Sp. @ Source: Field Observation (2022)







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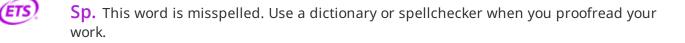
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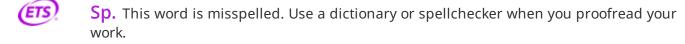


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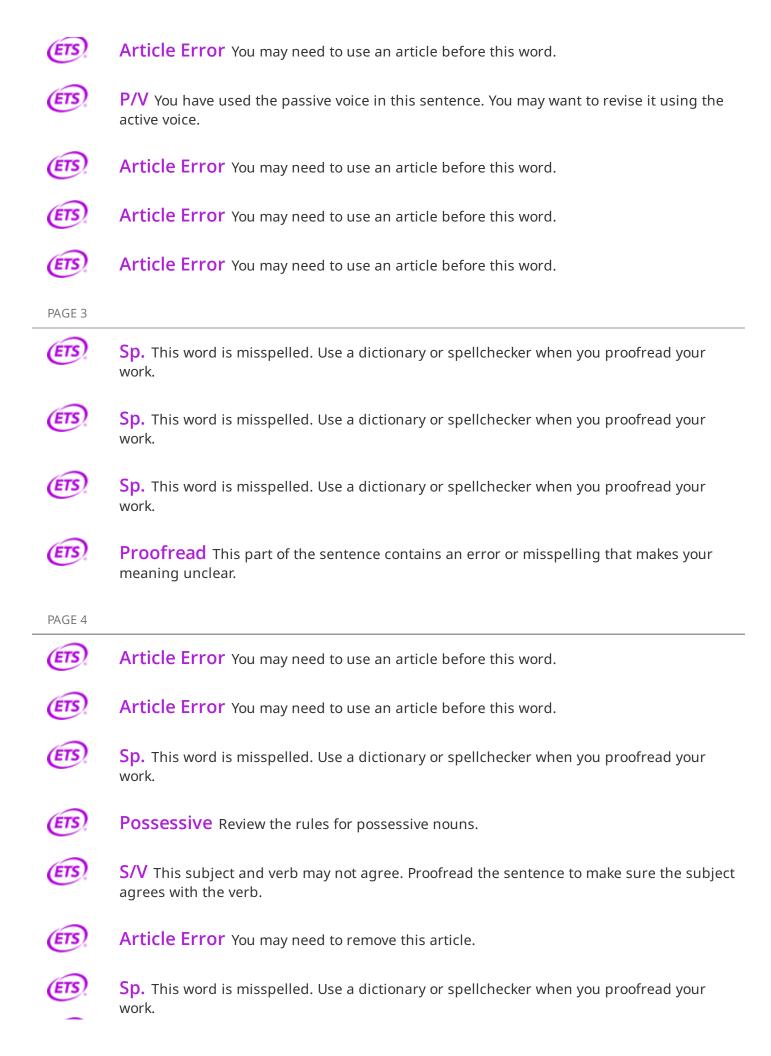
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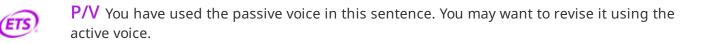
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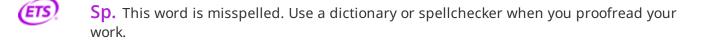


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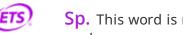
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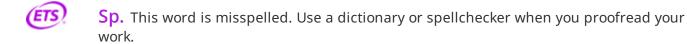
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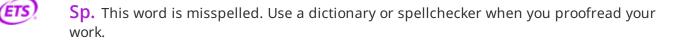
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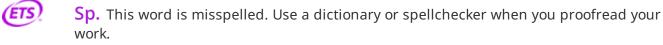
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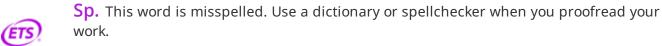
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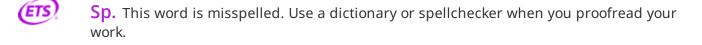
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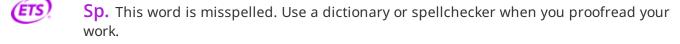


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