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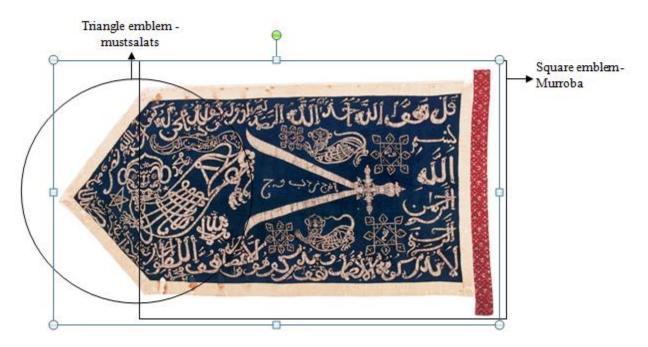
Analysis Of Macan Ali Symbols of Sultanate Cirebon

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Visual Assessment of Macan Ali Symbol

1. Value Visual

Visually Macan Ali is a symbol of the greatness of the kingdom of Cirebon flag, the prince Wangsatarta script, the flag is called "*kad kacana singa baruang dwajalula*" with a picture or symbol of a lion barong state that contains the flag pronunciation "*laa ilaha ilalloh muhammadarusullah*" visually, face or the flag consists of the visual elements:



Mustsalats or triangular flag which is a symbol of the Light of Muhammad.

Triangle Shape

The triangular shape in the normal position, one end being at the top, so that it has become the top upward direction of orientation of the top (sky). Triangle with one corner at the top symbolizes a sacred place for the transformation of nature into the other through death is triangular with one corner at the bottom symbolizes



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a sacred place for the transformation of the natural world through the womb to natural birth.

Of the meaning of the expression and form the basis of the above proverb appears that each of the basic shapes the realm of aesthetics in Sundanese culture is used as a symbol that has the same meaning that is perfection.

Different shapes pointing to different regions perfection.

Light of Mohammed

Mohammed light is one of the basic theories and themes (if not the only central theme) of profetologi Sufism known since the early days of Islam until the modern age.

Basic meaning of the word 'light' it is a clue, because light in the sense of light itself, instructions, or the Quran serves as a guide for people who lost road or those who are seeking the truth. Then the Holy Prophet is also called light, because he was believed to be the person who carries the instructions or show the right path. It is also mentioned in al-Munawwir dictionary which explains that it is the meaning of the word Prophet light. In addition light said, need to put forward the notion Mohammed said. Mohammed referred to in this paper is the Prophet Mohammed. Among the Sufis, Mohammed personally have its own assessment. Al-Tustury for example, argues that the Prophet Mohammed is the basic source of the creation of the noble land which is the source of events. Prophet Mohammed is Azali because it is part of the Allah of His light.

Another opinion expressed by Amin al-Qurdy, which says that Mohammed was a man 'Ain al-realization' that its form is the source of everything while the prophets who preceded him are substitutes and aides.

It is understandable that Mohammed light anchored in the Prophet Mohammed that have glory and virtue, both in terms of material and spiritual terms. Ibn Khatib said that with Mohammed and of his light the moon was shining perfectly, as did the sun light shining through the medium of Mohammed.

Mohammed light in Sufism is the very first creatures created by God and only then created another universe. Mohammed Light is often also called the Spirit Itself



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Mohammed or Mohammed. For the first time, the concept of Mohammed Light carried by a Sufi named al-Hallaj.

Islamic Encyclopedia mentions that Mohammed Light or Glow of Mohammed, in the philosophy of Sufism is understood that the first thing created by Allah is the Light of Mohammed and of Mohammed Light here's everything else created. Mohammed Light is not only contained in Mohammed SAW, but also within other prophets. Mohammed light first appeared in Adam, then within the other prophets, but has not reached perfection. Then the Prophet Mohammed in the term Sufi is al-Insan al-Kamil, the perfect man. No man is more perfect and more noble than the Prophet Mohammed. Mohammed Light idea was first coined by a Sufi from Iraq named Sahl Abdullah al-Tusturi the ninth century AD. Further developed by al-Hallaj, Ibn Arabi and Abdul Karim al-Jilli.

Gerhard Bowering in the book and Mohammed is the Messenger of Allah, in the fundamental study of the role of the Prophet in the theology of al-Tusturi wrote:

"God, in His absolute oneness and His transcendent reality, confirmed by Tusturi as an impenetrable mystery of the divine light which somehow reveals itself in pre-eternity embodiment of 'equality His light' (matsalu nurihi), namely 'equation light of Mohammed '(Muhammad Light). origins in pre eternity Mohammed Light is depicted as a luminous period of primordial breeding in the presence of Allah that takes the form of a translucent light pole (Amud), Divine light and forming Mohammed as God's ultimate creation. With thus, in explaining the terminology of light verse, Tustari said: When Allah willed to create Mohammed, he raises a light from His light. When he reaches greatness sheath (hijab al-azhamah), he bowed and prostrated before God. Allah created from its prostration was a great pillar of light like a crystal glass, which from the outside or from within the impenetrable point of view."

Mohammed Light concepts related to human achievement (Sufi) on the degree of perfect man (perfect man), the man who has reached the highest level of humanity or the human nature which has had Mohammed light, Mohammed Itself Mohammed or the Spirit.

According to al-Jilli in his book Insan Kamil, the objects created from Mohammed light are objects that are created from the Light of God. So in every object there is the Light of Mohammed, just perfect self contained in the prophets, and the most perfect is the Prophet Mohammed himself. Mohammed light was not the Prophet Mohammed and the



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Prophet Mohammed is not the Light of Mohammed. But Mohammed Light took the form of the Prophet Mohammed himself. Therefore, although the Prophet Mohammed has died, Mohammed remains timeless and can manifest themselves in a person who is still living wills, as in the great mystics, especially the families and descendants of the Prophet Muhammad.

Relationship Between Triangle Forms with Muhammad Light

Of the meaning of basic triangular shape symbolizes perfection, it can be seen into the nature of Mohammed as carrier guidance to the right path. Prophet Mohammed is Azali because it is part of the Allah of His light.

By Mohammed light, all of creation was created from it, so that the moon and the sun shone perfectly.

Mohammed light is a form of perfection created by God and comes from Him is all perfection materialize.

So that can represent the epitome of triangular perfection arising from Mohammed light, all originated from the creation of Mohammed light.

* Form *murrroba* or rectangle that is a symbol of Rogom Musa in science lessons in both Cirebon be it *mustsalat* or *murroba* is a symbol of "starting reinforcements". Semiotics mutsalats and murroba will be understood by supernatural beings.

Rectangular squares contained in the phrase "Hirup kudu masagi". Enhancement of expression which contains a versatile means to be alive. Another form, "jelema masagi" (Natawisastra, 1979: 14, Hidayat, 2005: 219) means that people who have a lot of ability and there is no shortage. Masagi derived from the word pasagi (square) which means that resembles (form) square. This phrase is generally understood as a symbol for life so as to create perfection versatile act or behavior in life. Understanding versatile or completely done in a positive sense with the main emphasis focuses on two main aspects of human life, the earthly life (work, relationships man to man, man's relationship with nature) and in the next life (relationship with God). Rectangular shape is absolutely not



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present in nature. In other words, this form is the result of human imagination creation of such abstraction that exists in nature. In terms of rectangular shape is derived from the square shape.

♣ Zulfikar Sword



Pic. 1 Picture of Zulfikar sword in Macan Ali's Flag of Cirebon Sultanate

Zulfikar Sword, is the nickname for the double-edged sword is the symbol of jihad and also the courage of Ali ibn Abi Thalib. With this weapon, he struggles guarding the Prophet Mohammed to preach and defend the glory of Islam from attack by enemies who envy with what Rasulullah. Zulfikar sword, a gift from the Prophet Mohammed to the fourth Islamic Caliph Ali ibn Abi Thalib who is also the law.

This double-edged sword has the symbol of jihad and also the courage of Ali ibn Abi Thalib in upholding the truth.

Battle of Uhud, the battle of Badr and Khandak war proved to be the moment that the sharpness and strength of the sword of Ali ibn Abi Thalib. Precisely Khandak War, which became the beginning of the fame name Ali in terms of swordplay. "There is no sword, sharp as a sword Zulfikar and no tough young Ali ibn Abu Thalib" That slogan is always touted by the Muslims as a very powerful Uhud was underway. In the battle of Badr, swordplay Ali ibn Abi Thalib was able to defeat the army of the Quraysh one-third of the total casualties of the infidels who totaled 70 people. This is



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what makes the name of Ali becomes fragrant and is known as one of the Islamic fighters who was nicknamed the Sword of Islam aka. Saiful Islam.

Some scholars say that the sword is the King of Iron.

♣ Machete branch in Cirebon chronicle history or literature, machete branch is used for clearing weapons Cirebon pedestal. Machete branch is given Sanghiang Dragon weapons Panditha (priests of Hindu religion) teacher of Prince Cakrabuana founder of Cirebon. Philosophically cleaver branch means that to spread Islam in Cirebon must be done with gentleness should not hurt other faiths.

Machete branch, symbolizing the efficacy and determination to break the spirit of falsehood and tyranny. Black with yellow color symbolizing prestige of faith and devotion to God Almighty and decency.

♣ Basmallah; initiate any intention to Basmallah. Any action that must be performed by a human to do for God.



Pic. 2 Basmallah lafadz in Macan Ali's flag

Allah start His holly book with Basmallah and command His Prophet early in the first revelation to do the reading and all activities under the name of Allah. *Iqra bismi rabbika*, it is not wrong to say Basmallah is the first message of Allah to man; message that humans started its activities under the name of Allah.

Islam declare that is *al-Awal wa al-Akhir wa azh_zhahir wa al-Bathin/* Him first and He is also the last one, the one who was clearly visible (the evidence of his form) and He is also a hidden (to His any nature). He is the holy of holies is a form of truth, from whom all beings acquire its form, and from Him who has started all starters. Therefore, with His name and everything has to start with His name done every motion and direction.



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In lafadz Basmalah there is the letter "no "-lafadz " "atranslated "with", although unspoken but must comes to our mind when there Basmalah give the sense of "start", so Bismillah means "I or we start what we're doing this with the name of Allah ". Thus, the sentence can be regarded as a statement of the speakers that he began his work on behalf of Allah. Or it can also be interpreted as a command from Allah that says "Begin your work with the name of Allah" (though the phrase is not in the form of the injunction). By inserting the word "start" has a passion to make Allah the opposite base. Lafadz Ar-Rahman ar-Rahim are drawn from the same root, namely the womb which means "half-breed". By calling the uterus that is etched in the minds of "mother and child" and then also imagine how great affection given to her mother. However that does not mean Allah's grace commensurate with the nature of a mother's grace, no matter how much a mother's love, because grace of Allah beyond all else.

With word *ar-Rahman* illustrated that Allah pours His grace, while *ar-Rahim* stated that He has properties inherent grace Himself. The word *Ar-Rahman* is also understood as the nature of Allah's grace poured out temporary in this world, was *ar-Rahim* is His mercy is eternal. His mercy in this temporal world includes all beings, without exception and without distinction between believers and unbelievers. While the eternal grace is His mercy in the afterlife, where an eternal life, that will only be enjoyed by creatures who serve Him.

"Praise be to Allah keepers of all nature."

Lafazd حمد which preceded the letters *alif* and *lam* in the arabiah rule named *al-istighraq* meaning includes everything. Therefore, Alhamdulillah phrase often translated as praise be to Allah.

Hamdu or praise is speech addressed to the praise for good behavior or his actions even though he did not give anything to the praise. While the sentence المحمد الله بالمحمد الله بالمحمد



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Phrase of *Robbul 'aalamin*, is more information about the withdrawal of all the praise was reserved only to Allah. Why not, he is Robb of the entire universe. With the affirmation that Allah is *Rabbul A'lamin* make people calm because everything man needs has been prepared by God.

"Ar-Rahman Ar-Rahim."

Maintenance can not be implemented properly and perfectly except when accompanied with grace and compassion. Therefore, this verse as a confirmation of Allah's nature that *rabbul'alamin*. His care of the entire universe was not on the basis of mere arbitrariness arbitrariness, but overwhelmed by the grace and compassion.

With the mentioned properties of *Ar-Rahman Ar-Rahim* gave the impression that the absoluteness of Allah joined with the impression of grace and compassion. This leads to the belief that Allah Almighty, the Most Beautiful, the Mighty, the Merciful.

He can not be achieved by eyesight, He was able to see all the visible; and He is the Subtle, the Aware.



Pic. 3 Al-An'am Letter Posts verse 103 in Macan Ali's flag

al-An'am's letter is the biggest and brightest letter blessings mahsyur also has its merits. Ayat al-An'am at Mecca it down at once, erratic, on the evening of the day that down with him seventy thousand (70,000) to the accompaniment of an angel beads, tahmid and tamjid, almost earth will shake the Prophet therefore hasten to prostrate to read: "Whoever reads al-An'am's letter then seventy thousand angels ask forgiveness to him at night and during the day."

Also the words of King Muhammad SAW:



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"Anyone reading the three paragraphs beginning al; An'am's letter to memorize" taksibunna "morning then Allah SWT directs seventy thousand angels to guard and charity continues until Judgment written, well down from the seventh heaven with the angels of iron, at any time devil wanted wearing him an evil then hit the sledgehammer that, as between him and the devil enforced seventy thousand barrier, and later when doomsday happens. Allah says: "O son of Adam, walk under the shadow, eat My heaven fruits, drink lake water Kauthar and wash in the river Saisabil, then you as my servant and I am your Lord, there is no reckoning and punishment for you. " In this verse, Allah describes the nature and His greatness as an affirmation of his properties that have been newly described in paragraph ago that Allah above everything. Exalted substance that can not be reached by human senses, because the senses of man was created in the order that is not ready to perceive his substance. Why no other since man was created from the material, and the sheer material senses reach only through the medium of matter anyway; but Allah is not matter. So it is natural if He can not be reached by the human senses.

What is meant by the inability to reach Allah with the human senses is as long as people are still living in the world. But if he is dead, he will be able to see Allah.

This verse according to the wisdom of experts in Cirebon belief is the most powerful practice to handle anything let alone for war. Sultan Mohammed Dzulkarnain can beat rival Prince Raja Antasena the descendants of Maria Della Motte (receipts daughter from the Netherlands) and Prince Raja Subadiningrat frequent practice of this paragraph.

* Nasrun minallah wa fathun qorib, wabasiril mukminin, the help of Allah and victory is near, is a fragment of a letter Ash Shaff paragraph 13 which is the promise of Allah will be a victory for the believers. As-Shaff meaningful sequence. This verse gives the motivation for the troops to fight Cirebon infidels. the promise of God will be a victory for the believers. This verse gives motivation for Cirebon troops to fight the infidels.

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Pic. 4 Nasrun minallah wa fathun qorib, wabasiril mukminin type on Macan Ali's Flag

♣ Lafadz Allah and Muhammad, an emblem *manunggaling kawula gusti* for the people of Cirebon.



Muhammad is the role model or a model of Islamic law as outlined in the Qur'an. Prophet Muhammad is a mediator between the creatures of Allah. Muhammad really works "mim" that "grounding" of Allah in human life. He "Zahir" Allah; he Shafi' (which gives intercession, help and recommendation) between creatures and Allah. When humans want to feel the presence of Allah in him, presented Muhammad. When you



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want addressed by Allah, greet Muhammad. When you want to love Allah, love Muhammad. *Qul inkuntum tuhibbunallah tabi'uni yuhbibkumullah*, "If you love Allah then follow me (Muhammad) someday Allah will love you." To people like these that we are required to love, sacrifice and beg to be with him, in this world and the hereafter. For as the Prophet said, "Everyone will be with those he loves." In addition to the name of Ahmad, the Prophet also has the name of Muhammad. The name is a gift from his grandfather, Abdul Muttalib. The name is inspired on high hopes that someday his grandson Abdul Muthalib was praised by beings around the world because it is commendable.

As for the name, if the status of Arabic Grammar is reviewed as *Isim Maful* (object) of the origin of the word *Hammada*. According to scholars Infallible Amsilatut ibn Ali in the book states that the addition tasdid Tasrifiyah have Estimate (lot) benefit. So, that is the person that much praised. For every creature in this world by reading the Prophet praised for her blessings. Allah said, "Allah and His angels shalawat to the Prophet. O you who believe, you shalawat to the Prophet and say hello tribute to him. "(QS. Al-Ahzab: 56). Significance of the name Muhammad are contained, ie, if we want conceive wishful framework Muhammad letters when written with the Arabic alphabet turns shows a human skeleton. Therefore, mim ((is a round of word Muhammad (امحمد) shows the head of a human, because the human head is round. Letters ha ((zif we emphasized will be two shows two human hands. Letter mim ((eis the second show of the human stomach. Letter Dal ((2shows both the human foot. In addition, there is also the hidden meanings again, the letter mim showed Minnah word meaning grace. Because, Allah gives grace to the Prophet with extraordinary grace beyond what has been given to others. Letter ha shows Hubbun word (love). Because, Allah loves the Prophet Muhammad and his followers exceeds His love for the other prophets and their followers. The second letter mim shows Maghfirah word meaning forgiveness. Because, Allah forgives all the sins committed by the Prophet Muhammad, both of which are past or future. Prophet Muhammad is the prophet of the infallible (protected from sinning). As if it is leaning to his people, Allah will forgive the sins of the people of Prophet Muhammad if they would repent. Unlike the followers of earlier that if you do sin,



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punishment and got a warning from Allah. Dal letters indicate Dawaamuddin said. That is, the eternal religion of Islam. Therefore, Islam will remain there until the end of time.

♣ Macan Ali, this motif is actually called "kod kalacana singa bharwang dwajalullah", but since 1958 hinngga 1990, Prince Sulaiman Sulendraningrat appointed by the Sultan Sepuh and the Sultan of Cirebon Kanoman as a responsible history. He wrote the book "Babad Tanah Sunda / Babad Cirebon" described in the book that the flag Cirebon called "Macan Ali".

Thought of the animals are different from humans so far, it is clear to the applicable law is the law of the jungle, simple, easy and clear, which can be powerful ruler should be able to defeat the most powerful. Lion as being wildest have groups or gangs that are all definitely lion, no members were not a lion. Authority is the greatest lion, fierce, wild and charismatic, if he was watching his territory all the animals will definitely notice it from afar, it may not be approached, guards will always protect the ring 1, 2, 3 and 4. The lion is king of the jungle do not bother to search or hunt for food, hunted every member of the group is always submitted in advance to the king, the king was not greedy, he just took the best part for him, the rest is returned to the group. Similarly, the lion has always respected leaders of magnitude. Tiger is a symbol of courage and dignity. The tiger is a rare courage, evidenced in his willingness to engage in battle or immortal courage. Tigers are also very competitive - they could not pass up a challenge, especially when honor is at stake, or they are protecting their loved ones. While the understanding of the name Ali is the highest, greatest, excellent and noble.

♣ Some hijaiyah, these letters are the symbols of the power of wisdom, written after diwirid first. Cirebon pennant is made on white cloth (cotton) by using dye batik batik pattern of material indigosol (indogofora) for blue color, while the color barrier farafin atan using wax.

Letter hijaiyah is the key that is the human body. The letter Alif, representing lafadz Jalala Allah, in which Allah is a beginning of everything, because Allah initiated Letter



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with the letter Alif, Allah is the beginning of all life. Where in the initial letter of the Our an begins with the letter alif. Alif, symbolizing Allah as Allah Almighty, there is no god but Allah the Most of Life and Sturdy. In the human body, alif symbolizes the nose. Letter Ha, human perfection, as the embodiment of Allah Shibghah (sign a balanced life / moksha: circle). Al Haq, Supreme living and loving. In the human body symbolizes Ha right hand. Jim letters, ₹ is a sunnatullah which has created a fundamental order of the universe. Nobility titles and praise His holy and the names of all His (Allah Subhannahu wa Ta'ala). In the human body, Jim symbolizes the left shoulder, za = dza ratio into human nature as man's creation when his Spirit blowing. Meaningful decoration servitude. In the human body, Za letters symbolize the left ribs. Letter φ be means the nature of the Compassionate and the Merciful, Allah create universe, of which only Allah who does not feel a sense of sleepiness and stand alone became the backbone of it. (Qs. Al. Baqarah; 255). In this case, the letter consists of a bowl that represents a natural, and a dot below the sign exsistensi of Allah as a buffer and we know a point in the vector magnitude is fixed as the point, who knows how many times magnified however, is still a point. Remain there after destroyed all His creatures and the human body symbolizes the eye.

The letter \mathfrak{z} wau is the tapestry which Allah prepared forgiveness to man. (al-Araf limit for humans except Prophet Muhammad). One, One, place all creatures depend and be childless and begotten. In the human body kite symbolizes the right and left foot.



Pic 5. Hijaiyah letters on Macan Ali's flag

2. Cultural Values

This flag is a symbol of culture for people of Cirebon, about whom the origin of the Cirebon. Macan Ali flag symbolizes that paternal Sunan Gunung Jati is a descendant of Ali ibn Abi Thalib, which is symbolized by the Lion of the Desert. Mother of lines, Sunan Gunung Jati is King Sundanese descent of King Sunda Pangeran Jaya Dewata or



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Prabu Wangi Suta, until now the motive Macan Ali is still used as a pride of the Islamic identity of Cirebon.

3. Spiritual Value

Cirebon spiritual meaning of this flag is on monotheism. Through monotheism confession and the Prophet confession are diffused monotheism statement spread by peaceful means. Eventhough depicted in the form of the sword but the sword is two-sentence meaning sword or machete creed so that the branch is always united.

4. Historical Value

Cirebon flag according to TD Sujana a battle flag carried by Fatahillah when the conquest of Batavia in 1511 AD. After Fatahillah called back to Cirebon in 1598 to replace Sunan Gunung Jati who have died. The flag was brought back to Cirebon. While serving as Governor of Sunda Kelapa or Jayakarta is Tubagus Angke law of Fatahillah, son of Maulana Hasanuddin Banten.

At the time of the Sultanate after colonial occupation in Cirebon, the flag is stored in the palace of Sultan Kanoman. Sultan Kanoman family and Mangku State family did not recover until the fever-dream heal. According to fever proficiency level if you want to recover must be covered by the flag of Cirebon.

5. Religious Value

In religion implies that the Cirebon genekologi of Ali ibn Abi Thalib.

Al ibn Abi Thalib, the Prophet Ahlul Bayt known his faithfulness and courage in protecting and assisting the Prophet. He became highly admired figure, because his authority, his words as a substitute for the Prophet in maintaining and continuing the symbols of Islam, as well as his thoughts are very intelligent.

Visual Symbol Meaning Tiger Ali

1. Flag or face mean greatness of a country. Greatness emblem of Cirebon is Macan Ali or "kod kalacana singa bharwang dwajalullah", which contains the confession of



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monotheism and the State means the Apostles confession Cirebon was established with the foundation of the Islamic Shari'a. Proven since independence from Padjadjaran Cirebon, Sunan Gunung Jati in a political speech or a tax stop "Bahakti Book" to Pajajaran. Sunan Gunung Jati not ask for taxes to people who are able to be with the term "Atur Bakti".

2. Textual Meaning

The text is written with typical khot typology, which does not refer to quidul khottiyah Middle Eastern style but more subjective to the person of the author who has a background batik art. Pen that is used for batik is "canting", so have the results khas. The dyeing used natural colors but the copies are already using synthetic dyes.

Batik art is one of the Indonesian culture. Although the typology is delivered in the form Arabic script, but ways of making permanent use of Indonesian art. Typical Indonesia remains highlighted, because the culture of their own country nevertheless should be retained as a symbol of national identity.

3. Symbolic Meanings

Large flag size $(1.5 \times 3 \text{ meters})$ is a form related to the function of the pennant. The banner of the coat of arms used for state or flag ceremonies brought to the battle. The large size is a sign that the flag to be visible from a distance.

4. Philosophical Meaning

Illustrates the philosophical meaning of monotheism is a religion of peace spread in the State Cirebon it looks from the picture machete to chop mat Cirebon Branch. This means that this flag is used to fighting as well in addition to the spread of the religion of peace.

5. Religious Meaning

Cirebon is a country that is based on Islamic law but Cirebon also protect other faiths to coexist peacefully. Tiger is a symbol of the courage of Ali ibn Abi Thalib as the Lion of the Desert but also a mythological animal Sundanese still Hindu at that time. With an



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ambiguous emblem is expected that those who are already Muslim Sundanese respect Sunan Gunung Jati who have genekology to the Prophet Mohammed, and for people who are Hindu Sundanese respect Sunan Gunung Jati who was a descendant King of Pajajaran.

6. Spiritual and contextual meaning

The flag depicts the belief that embracing one Cirebon muktabaroh the congregation satariyah which is regarded as the palace. Awrod of the congregation is the phrase " laa illaha illallah, ilallah, allah, allah, hu, hu, hu allah, hu allah, hu hayyu, hu hayyu, hu dzaim, hu dzaim " then closed with a reading " laa ilaa ha illah muhammadarrosulullah " . All awrod read satariyah congregation are all reflected in the banner.

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