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# WELLNESS TOURISM IN UBUD. "A QUALITATIVE APPROACH TO STUDY THE ASPECTS OF WELLNESS TOURISM DEVELOPMENT"

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### **ABSTRACT**

This study aims to describe the aspects of wellness tourism development in Ubud. Adopted from Corbin theory (2006) which states the body, mind and spirit as part of the five dimensions of wellness, namely physical wellness, emotional wellness, social wellness, intellectual wellness, and spiritual wellness, authors would therefore to identify product wellness, wellness activities, wellness dimension and life cycle of development of wellness tourism in Ubud. This study uses qualitative research methods, starting with literature studies related research about wellness tourism and in-depth interviews with wellness service providers in Ubud. In this study, the authors reviewed the literatures and analyzed the information collected from eight wellness service providers. The eight informants are determined by considering the type of wellness service scale such as spa resorts, health resorts, retreat centers, and wellness centers, located in Ubud. The results showed that wellness tourism in Ubud had fulfilled aspects and dimensions of wellness. This is reflected from the identification which was resulted where the highest-demanded wellness products in Ubud, namely yoga retreats, meditation retreats, spiritual retreats, detoxes and spa resorts. While wellness activities in Ubud are considered more relevant to Balinese-Hinduism lifestyles such as customs, cultural-religion activities and valuable-local knowledge of Balinese herbs in which are part of the wellness experience offered in Ubud. While in the terms of phase of development, the current situation of wellness tourism stays in development phase.

**Keywords**: Wellness Tourism; Wellness Development; Tourism in Ubud

### **INTRODUCTION**

Based on a study conducted by the Global Wellness Institute, the development of wellness tourism throughout the world has getting increased. In terms of expenditure, it grew from US \$ 563 billion in 2015 to US \$ 639 billion in 2017. Moreover, the number of trips it has also increased. In 2017 the number of wellness tourism trips reached 830 million trips, in contrast to 2015 which previously only had reached 691 million trips (Youngman, 2018). This statistical phenomenon, has prompted several destinations around the world begin to define themselves as wellness tourism destinations with their own local uniqueness.

The word of wellness was used in a modern sense abroad at the end of 1950s (Dukes, 2016). Cited form Juhasz Gyula Faculty of Education (2006), since the first-time wellness was a mosaic word consisting of the words "well-being" and "wholeness". According to some opinions, the word was coined from the word welfare and fitness, as opposed to the word disease. The word wellness which means good health was first recorded in early 1654 (H. Dunn, 2017). If some people accept the idea that the word is used as opposed to the word disease, means a health which primarily represents lifestyle, harmony of body, mind, and spirit optimally (D. Mick & Schwartz, 2012).

The comprehension related to body, mind, and spirit as a wellness is supported by several experts like Smith & Kelly (2006); Modise & Johannes (2016) who stated that wellness is generally used to mean a balance between a healthy body, mind, and spirit that results in a feeling of overall well-being. Furthermore, Myers & Sweeney (2004) explain that wellness is a way of life oriented to optimal health and well-being. Where the body, mind, and spirit are integrated by individuals to live more fully in the human and natural community. Rickhi & Aung (2006) also believe, creating wellness means being able to focus on practices that can benefit one or three aspects of body, mind, and spirit.

Currently, wellness is increasingly recognized as an important aspect of tourism (Voight & Pforr, 2017). Briefly, Smith & Puczkó (2009) explained that wellness tourism is a journey that aims to seek health and harmony in body, mind, and spirit. However, wellness tourism is a complex type of tourism. The different meanings in various countries have caused the segmentation of wellness tourist profiles to become complicated. Therefore, Smith & Kelly (2006) also stated that the tourist wellness profile must be related to the type of product wellness, wellness activities, and wellness domains (dimension). While wellness tourist is defined as someone who can find out how to become a healthy individual, who can use their own money and free time, and take advantage of a tour package consisting of the wellness element (dimension of wellness). Wellness tourism provides various treatments or activities aimed at balancing body, mind and spirit (Smith & Puczkó, 2009)

For years Ubud is known for its traditional and cultural richness (Prabawa & Winaja, 2018). Along with the development of wellness tourism over the world, thanks to number of authors, Ubud has now been recognized as a wellness tourism destination (Purnamawati et al., 2019). According to published data by the Central Statistics Agency BPS (2015) in Gianyar Regency, there are 74 Spa have been identified (Directory of Companies or Spa Business, 2015). Although we knew that wellness industry is not only limited to Spa (Solus Per Aqua), at least it proves that a part of wellness tourism business has grown in Ubud. Besides the Spa, Ubud is also known as a destination for yoga practice. Accoording to Citrayanthi (2015) the name of the visitor is "tamu yoga" or yoga guest, for those who are interested in spirituality, which does not necessarily have to do with Balinese culture-religious values. She also added, although there are many yoga center activities throughout Ubud, yet there is no official survey of the number of these service providers. Recently based on Destination Thailand News (2019), data for bookings made for wellness experiences regarding year-to-year growth for the wellness experience, Bali, especially Ubud, is at the top which experienced a growth of more than 7,4%.

This makes Ubud, Bali become one of the popular destinations in Asia for a wellness tourism destination (2017-2018).

Currently, the development of wellness tourism has also ignited the attention of Ministry of Health of Indonesia who also consolidate with Ministry of Tourism of Indonesia to develop international health based tourism in Indonesia (Kementerian Pariwisata, 2017). According to them, this type of tourism emphasized two types of activities namely medical tourism and wellness tourism. Medical tourism is a trip for treatment, involving medical measures, or other health checks, usually it is done by sufferers of diseases or abnormalities in health conditions with activities such as surgery, dialysis, etc. Meanwhile, wellness tourism is a trip for maintenance, recovery of physical and mental health which performed by healthy people, not suffering from an illness, or people who are recovering with activities such as spa, reflexology, fitness massage, yoga, meditation, etc.

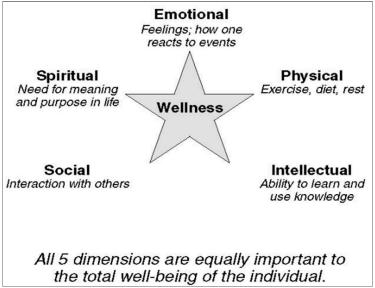
The purpose of this article is to identify the characteristics, **the activities** and **the dimension** of wellness according to Corbin theory (2006) which states the body, mind and spirit as part of the five dimensions of wellness. This article also try to determine the phase of development by adopting the tourism area life cycle model (Butler, 1980).

### THEORETICAL REVIEW

### Wellness Tourism and its Characteristic

Dunn (1959) firstly, defined and published the concept of wellness which emphasizing the importance of body, mind and spirit combination. According to him, health is not about the absence of illness and stress but the presence of purpose in life, satisfaction in life, work and play, happy relationships, a healthy body, a good environment, and the presence of happiness (Dunn, 1959). Smith & Kelly (2006) which stated that wellness is generally used to interpret the balance between body, mind, and spirit that results in a feeling of overall well-being. While wellness tourism according to Smith & Kelly (2006) explained that wellness tourism is a type of tourism that offers a variety of activities and / or treatments to maintain, develop and improve body, mind, and spirit. Likewise Smith & Puczkó (2009) who explained the spectrum of health tourism consists of a series of health tourism products and facilities. They classify health tourism into two namely medical tourism and wellness tourism.

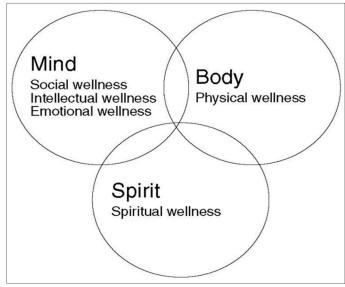
Figure 1 5 Dimensions of Wellness



Source: Corbin et al. (2006)

Based on Figure 1, Corbin et al. (2006) shows that there are five dimensions to achieving overall wellness through wellness dimensions. The five dimensions of wellness are as follows: emotional, spiritual, physical, social and intellectual. To achieve a balance of body, mind, spirit, each of these dimensions has their respective roles where it is influenced by each individual in maintaining and achieving wellness.

Figure 2
Mind, Body and Spirit: Dimension of Wellness



Source: Corbin et al. (2006)

## From figure 2,

- 1. Body (Physical Wellness): Physical wellness refers to aspects of the body that are directly related to the body. Physical wellness means when someone can go through the day with enough energy to work and play. This is the dimension that first comes to mind when people think of wellness.
- 2. Mind (Emotional Wellness, Social Wellness, Intellectual Wellness): Emotional wellness, social wellness, and intellectual wellness refer to aspects of mind that are associated with thoughts. Emotional wellness involves feelings of self-esteem and acceptance of different things. Emotional wellness means when someone can be open to learning new things and accepting new ideas. This openness helps someone to deal with stressful situations and accept them as part of life. Or in other words, when someone can control and express emotions in the right way. Social wellness involves interacting with others and the environment and having satisfying relationships. Social wellness means when someone has a friend with whom the person is discussing the problem and with whom the person is spending time. Intellectual wellness involves a person's ability to learn and use the knowledge that a person has acquired. Intellectual wellness means when someone is open to experience that will broaden the person's knowledge base.
- Spirit (Spiritual Wellness): Spiritual wellness involves one's relationship with other living creatures, and the role of spiritual direction in life. Spiritual wellness means when someone works to achieve spiritual potential and find harmony in life.

Researchers note that wellness is a lifestyle choice characterized by a balance of body-mind-spirit. The balance referred to in this case is the balance of the body or physical wellness; mind or social wellness, emotional wellness, intellectual wellness; and spirit or spiritual wellness, which are the three main aspects that are important in wellness. Where each of these aspects and dimensions are interrelated with one another. Researchers note to achieve a balance of the three aspects of body, mind, spirit, each of these dimensions has a different role and it depends on how each individual prioritizes his health.

In terms of wellness traveler, Global Wellness Institute (GWI) divides wellness traveler into two types of tourists, namely; 1) Primary Wellness Traveler in this case tourists who make health (wellness) as the only destination and driving factor in choosing their trip and destination; 2) Secondary Wellness Traveler in this case tourists who strive to maintain health (wellness) during a trip, or in this case those who participate in finding health experiences when doing all kinds of travel both on vacation and business.

### Tourism life cycle theories from Butler

While in analyzing the phase of development of wellness tourism in Ubud, authors also adopted Product Life Cycle by Butler (1980). According to him, a tourist area will definitely experience a life cycle of a tourist area consisting of four parts, namely (1) Discovery, (2) Local Control, (3) Institutionalism, and (4) Stagnation, Rejuvenation or Decline. The stages consist of seven stages, namely: (1) exploration, (2) involvement, (3) development, (4) consolidation, (5) stagnation), (6) decline (decrease) or (7) rejuvenation (recovery).

### **METHODOLOGY**

This research was conducted in August to September 2019. 8 wellness service providers were sampled purposively according to the scale of business such as spa resorts, health resorts, retreat centers, and wellness centers. Open and Close-ended interviews were conducted to 8 wellness service providers. Based on literature studies and related research to wellness tourism and close-ended interviews this research will analyze the characteristic, the activities, the dimension and the phase of development. The data analysis technique used in this study is the qualitative analysis data of Miles & Huberman (1994) with following three methods in qualitative data analysis, namely data reduction, data presentation, and drawing conclusions / verification.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Based on the results of interviews conducted with informants of the wellness service providers in Ubud, it shows that currently there are 21 variant products available consisting of body, mind, or spirit treatments. For the body aspect, the highest demand treatment with the score respectively is Yoga Retreat (39), Resort Spa (33), Detox (33), Health Resort (19), Wellness Centre (17), Ayur Vedic (15). On the other hands, for mind treatments, the highest number of score are Music Therapy (29), Stress Release (23), Emotional Detox (19). While, for the spirit treatment, the highest score are Meditation and Spriritual Retreat with score 38 and 37 respectively.

Table 1
Characteristics of Wellness Products

	Wellness Product	Availability	Very	Interested	Moderate	Not	Very Not	Total
No			Interested			Interested	Interested	
			(5)	(4)	(3)	(2)	(1)	
Body								
1	Day Spa	✓	-	-	3	-	-	9
2	Hotel Spa	✓	-	-	1	-	-	3
3	Resort Spa	✓	5	2	-	-	-	33
4	Eco-Spa	✓	1	-	-	-	-	5
5	Ashrams	✓	2	-	-	-	-	10
6	Yoga Retreat	✓	7	1	-	-	-	39
7	Thalassotherapy	×	-	-	-	-	-	0
	Spa							
8	Thermal Baths	✓	-	-	1	-	-	3
9	Health Resort	✓	3	1	-	-	-	19
10	Wellness Center	✓	1	3	-	-	-	17
11	Wellness Cruise	×	-	-	-	-	-	0
12	Healthy Hotel	✓	1	1	-	-	-	9
13	Beauty Salon	✓	1	-	2	-	-	11
14	Gym/Fitness	✓	-	1	2	-	-	10
	Center							
15	Holistic Care	✓	1	-	-	-	-	5
16	Detox	✓	5	2	-	-	-	33
17	Ayurveda	✓	3	-	-	-	-	15
Mind								
18	Music Therapy	✓	5	1	-	-	-	29

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19	Emotional Detox	✓	3	1	-	-	-	19
20	Stress Release	✓	3	2	-	-	-	23
21	Painting Therapy	✓	-	1	-	-	-	4
Spirit								
22	Meditation Retreat	✓	6	2	-	-	-	38
23	Spiritual Retreat		5	3	-	-	-	37

Source: Interviews and check list with informants (2019)

From the results of interviews conducted with informants, it can be seen that each provider has a different model of activity or uniqueness between sait and others. From the table bellow, it can be seen that wellness activities in Ubud were considered more relevant to the daily lifestyle of the Balinese culture, especially the spirit, customs, tradition of Balinese-Hinduism. Moreover, the local valuable knowledge of traditional Balinese herbs is also offered to provide a quality wellness experience.

Table 2
The Wellness Activities in Ubud

No	Wellness			
	Service	Wellness Activities		
	Provider			
1	Adiwana Resort	Offering Making Canang Sari, Cooking Class, Purnama Balinese Full		
	Jembawan	Moon Celebration, Heavenly High Tea.		
2		Nature Walk, Aqua Aerobic, Traditional "Jamu", Medicines		
	Bagus Jati	Demonstration, Making Canang Sari, Spa Recipe (Making Natural		
	Health and	Treatment Product), Balinese Dance Lesson, Balinese Cooking Class,		
	Wellbeing	Trekking, Village Cycling, Village Tour, Holy Spring Temple Tour,		
	Retreat	Balinese Purification, Ritual "Melukat" and Blessing Sebatu, Balinese		
		Massage Lesson.		
3	Fivelements	Healing with Planted-based Cuisine, Detox with Planted-based Cuisine,		
	Retreat	Culinary Trainings, The Dinner Club, Exclusive Day Experience,		
	Retreat	Group Day Experience, Romantic Day Experience.		
4		Balinese Dance *Evening* Show by the Lotus, Pond Saraswati Temple		
		at Kecak Fire and Trance Dance Evening Show, Tirta Empul Holy		
	Gaia Retreat	Water Spring Cleanse, Historic Temples & Meditation Chambers of		
	Center	Gunung Kawi, Sacred Monkey Florest, Tegunungan Waterfall, Canang		
	Center	Sari Flower, Offering Workshop, Holy Water Blessings Floral		
		Purification, Sunrise or Sunset Bali Rice Fields Walk, Mala Beads		
		Making Workshop.		
5	Mansion	Host Your Retreat or Event, State of the Art Wellness, Retreats,		
	Wellness	Workshop, Daily Yoga Class (Lynger, Acro, Fly, Yin, Yoga, etc) Weekly		
	Center	Events, Weekly Meditations (Include Reiki), Teacher Training.		
6	Maya Ubud	Cooking Adventure in Maya's Spice Garden, Cycling Tour Ubud		
	Resort and Spa	Cycling, Trekking Village Rice Paddy Walk.		
7	Natural Instinct	Beauty Workshop, Health Workshop, Naturopathic & Nutritional,		
	Healing	Personal Mentoring, Flower Essence Therapy.		
8	Ubud Sari	Adventure Sport, Sunrise Walk Herb Learning Walk, Rice Paddy Walk,		
	Health Resort	Explore Ubud.		

Source: Interviews and check list with informants (2019)

# The Interrelation Between Characteristic, Activities and Dimension of Wellness di Ubud

Based on Table 4 bellow, it can be explained that the characteristic of wellness products that are in demand in Ubud are yoga retreats, meditation retreats, spiritual retreats, detoxes, and spa resorts. Table 4 shows that wellness products in Ubud are dominated by retreats. Yoga retreats, meditation retreats, and spiritual retreats are retreats that have become a form of wellness product program in Ubud that are in demand besides detox and spa resorts.

Most of these demands are attracted with a desire to ask a fully packaged service that can meet the aspects and dimensions of the wellness, in this case how to get some practices combination of body, mind and spirit.

Table 3
Wellness Product, Wellness Activities in Ubud

Characteristic of T				
Wellness Product	Typical Activities	Wellness Dimension)		
Yoga Retreat	Nature Walk, Trekking, Aqua Aerobic, Village Cycling, Village Tour, Cycling Tour Ubud Cycling, Trekking Village Rice Paddy Walk, Adventure Sport, Sunrise Walk, Rice Paddy Walk, Explore Ubud, State of the Art Wellness, Retreats, Daily Yoga Class (Lynger, Acro, Fly, Yin Yoga, etc).	Body (physical wellness) Mind (Social, intellectual & emotional wellness) Spirit (Spiritual wellness)		
Meditation Retreat	Weekly Meditation, Tirta Empul Holy Water Spring Cleanse, Historic Temples & Meditation Chambers of Gunung Kawi, Sacred Monkey Florest, Holy Water Blessings Floral Purification, Sunrise or Sunset Bali Rice Fields Walk, Flower Essence Therapy.	Body (physical wellness) Mind (Social, intellectual & emotional wellness) Spirit (Spiritual wellness)		
Spiritual Retreat	Offering Making Canang Sari, Making Canang Sari, Balinese Dance Lesson, Holy Spring Temple Tour, Balinese Purification, Ritual "Melukat" and Blessing Sebatu, Canang Sari Flower, *Evening* Show by the Lotus, Pond Saraswati Temple at Kecak Fire and Trance Dance Evening Show, Purnama Balinese Full Moon Celebration, Balinese Dance.	Body (physical wellness) Mind (Social, intellectual & emotional wellness) Spirit (Spiritual wellness)		
Detox	Heavenly High Tea, Healing with Planted-based Cuisine, Detox with Planted-based Cuisine, Culinary Trainings, Mala Beads Making Workshop, Cooking Adventure in	Body (physical wellness) Mind (Social, intellectual & emotional wellness) Spirit (Spiritual wellness)		

	Maya's Spice Gardening, Beauty	
	Workshop, Health Workshop,	
	Naturopathic & Nutritional, Personal	
	Mentoring, Teacher Training.	
Resort Spa	Cooking Class, Traditional "Jamu",	Body (physical wellness)
	Balinese Cooking Class, Medicines	Mind (Social, intellectual &
	Demonstration, Spa Recipe (Making	emotional wellness)
	Natural Treatment Product), Balinese	Spirit (Spiritual wellness)
	Massage Lesson, Herb Learning Walk,	
	Traditional "Jamu".	

Source: Interviews and check list with informants (2019)

### Body-Mind-Spirit Wellness Tourism di Ubud

Based on the results of data analysis from this study, it can be concluded that the definition of wellness which is defined as the balance of body, mind, and spirit has now been fully implemented in Ubud, which is explained in Figure 4 below.

Figure 3

Dimension of Wellness di Ubud



Source: Synthesis of information from informant (2019)

Based on Figure 4 above, it can be seen that Ubud has fulfilled the five dimensions of wellness determined by Corbin (2006), which states that there are five main dimensions of wellness, namely physical wellness, emotional wellness, social wellness, intellectual wellness, and spiritual wellness for achieve balance of

body, mind, and spirit. Overall, the wellness in Ubud has fully fulfilled the aspect of body, mind and spirit in which the three aspects are reflected in the five applications of the current dimensions of wellness. The aspects of body, mind, and spirit are very important in interpreting wellness as a whole. The aspects of body, mind, and spirit determine the success of the wellness itself. Broadly speaking, the wellness service provider has implemented three aspects and the five dimensions (dimensions of wellness) in which each dimension is applied in different ways.

### The Life Cycle of Wellness Tourism in Ubud

To determine the development phase of wellness tourism in Ubud, open interviews were also conducted with 8 informants to find out the history of the development of wellness tourism in Ubud. The narrative description of the informants will then be matched with the indications explained in Butler's theory at each phase.

Table 4
Life Cycle of Wellness Tourism di Ubud

Years	Informant	Description	Phase
1990- 1995	Interview with Ketut Nick Darsana, on 22 June 2019	"The influx of wellness industry Bali was started with the establishment of a SPA in Bali, the familiarization of wellness began to exist here around the year 1995 but with different words like as relaxation, refreshment, and rejuvenate not specifically with the terms "wellness"."	The first phase. Exploration/discovery is characterized by the concept of wellness tourism that began to exist and be explored.
2000	Interview with I Wayan Yogi Raditya, on 20 June 2019	"The growth of Ubud's wellness service provider began to increase in 2000 but it was managed traditionally."	The second phase.
2002	Interview with I Wayan Yogi Raditya, on 20 June 2019 Interview with Ketut Nick Darsana, on 22 June 2019	"In 2002 the phenomenon of yoga treatment increased in numbers, especially in Ubud "Wellness tourism in Ubud began to be offered as a complete package in 2002	Involvement (participation), is marked by the growth number of local wellness
2006	Interview with I Wayan Yogi Raditya, on 20 June 2019  Interview with Devi Putrining Larasati, on 19 June 2019	"The book Eat, Pray, Love from Elizabeth Gillbert influenced the image of wellness tourism in Ubud." (2006)  "The book Eat, Pray, Love by Elizabeth Gilbert promotes traditional healer "Balian" Bali widely especially in Ubud,	service providers and the tourist recognition of Balinese traditional healer

	Interview with I Wayan Yogi Raditya, on 20 June 2019	"Some vegetarian restaurants have started to appear." (2007)	
2007- 2009	Interview with Devi Putrining Larasati, on 19 June 2019	"Bali Spirit Festival (2008) further strengthens the position of Ubud, Bali as a wellness tourism destination. Until (2009) a vegan restaurant appeared."	The third phase. Development, marked by the start of the
2010- 2017	Interview with Devi Putrining Larasati, on 19 June 2019  The Film of Eat, Pray, Low makes Ubud tourism area bett known as the center of wellned in Bali. (2010)  "Retreat centers were starting improve (yoga retreat meditation retreats, spiriture retreats) in Ubud in professional management (2010)		promotion (Bali Spirit Festival and Hollywood movie entitled Eat, Pray and Love).  Moreover, in
	Interview with Kadek Adnyani Larasati, on July 17, 2019	"Some resorts in Ubud have begun to define themselves as wellness resorts." (2011)	this phase, the government has also joined and
2017- Now	Interview with Thomas Bagus, on July 2, 2019	"Wellness centers start to be exist in Ubud (wellness centers, health resorts, wellness resorts) and offer wellness in one complete package (retreat program: treatment, meal, accommodation, excursion, etc.)." (2017)  "The growing trend of healthy lifestyles open the diversity of restaurants that offer more ecofriendly food such as gluten free, raw, plant-based, ranging from simple "warung" eating place to fine dining restaurant in Ubud (2017)."	involved with stakeholders in developing this industry (The wellness service provider in various scale, restaurants and Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Health)
	Interview with Ni Made Suarini, on July 2, 2019	"The Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Health signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the Development of Health and Wellness Tourism."	

Source: Synthesis of information from informant (2019)

As for the outline, the description of the development of wellness tourism in Ubud can be seen in Figure 3 below.

Discovery

Local Control

Institutionalism

Stagnation, Rejuvenation or Decline

Rejuvenation

Development 2007-present

Exploration 1990–1995

Decline

Figure 4
Wellness Tourism Phase in Ubud

Source: Synthesis of information from informant (2019) based on Butler theory

### **Exploration (1990-1995s)**

The emergence of wellness tourism industry in Ubud begins with the development of Spa in Bali. Since the end of 1990s this industry has developed rapidly and brought the initial concept of wellness tourism modernly in the island include Ubud. It can be remarked that the terms of wellness has existed since 1995s in Ubud where there were many Spa started offering various types of treatments. However the terms of wellness was not defined specifically at that era, the Spa product has introduced the existence of wellness tourism in Ubud.

## **Involvement (2000-2006s)**

Wellness product increased significantly in 2000s. At that time wellness businesses service providers with various type were are mushrooming throughout Ubud. Despite the large number of service providers were existed, however they were still managed traditionally. Since the demand has increased, then wellness tourism in Ubud began to develop in 2002 and was offered in complete package from accommodation, retreat to excursion. In terms of recognition, in 2006s especially after the circulation of the book Eat, Pray, Love, the growth of wellness became very rapid. This book affects the development of wellness tourism in Ubud and also promotes the existence of Balinese Traditional Healer or also known as "Balian Bali". These phenomenon is considered as the second phase of cycle, which can be marked by the participation of Balian Balinese (Balinese Traditional Healer) and wellness service providers on a local scale.

### **Development (2007-present)**

By the growth of various wellness providers in Ubud which began from the previous year, the wellness service providers are managed more attractive, commercial and professional. These can be remarked by the growth numbers of various types and business scale of wellness providers (not limited to Spa) such as retreat center, wellness center, wellness resort, and health resort. In 2008, the Bali

Spirit Festival also strengthened the position of Ubud, Bali as a wellness tourism destination. Since then, vegan, vegetarian, eco food, and gluten free restaurants have begun to emerge. Furthermore, the Eat, Pray, Love movie which was adapted from the novel with the same title making the Ubud increasingly known as a wellness center in Bali.

In line with its development, in 2017 the Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Health of Indonesia have agreed on a Memorandum of Understanding on the Development of Health Tourism with two main focuses, namely medical tourism and wellness tourism (2017). The Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Health's agreement covers the coordination and harmonization of policies and programs in the development of health tourism, quality improvement, promotion development, community empowerment, data exchange and information, integrated monitoring and evaluation related to the development of health tourism.

Based on the Memorandum of Understanding, it can be assessed that the development of wellness tourism is starting to become a concern of stakeholders because it is considered in accordance with the government's target in terms of bringing quality tourists. This can be seen from the length of stay of tourists and how much tourists spend.

### **CONCLUSION**

The aspects of body, mind, and spirit are the three main aspects that are most appropriate for use in describing the meaning of wellness as a whole. To maintain or achieve optimal wellness requires a balance of body, mind, and spirit and fulfill the dimensions within. Wellness consists of several dimensions that are interrelated and influence each other. There are five dimensions of wellness, namely body, or physical wellness; mind, or emotional wellness, social wellness, and intellectual wellness; and spirit, or spiritual wellness.

The characteristics of wellness products in Ubud currently are considered more diverse. The diversity of wellness products referred to in this case is reflected in the wellness products that are in great demand in Ubud, namely yoga retreats, meditation retreats, spiritual retreats, detoxes, and spa resorts. Yoga retreat, meditation retreat, spiritual retreat are wellness products that are in great demand and have fulfilled all three aspects of wellness namely body, mind, and spirit. While detox and resort spas are wellness products that meet both aspects of wellness, body and mind. The characteristics of wellness activities in Ubud are considered more relevant to the daily life, customes, tradition of the Balinese-Hindusim. Beside that, wellness experience offered in Ubud is also enriched with the local knowledge of traditional Balinese herbs. Therefore, it can be concluded that the wellness tourism in Ubud now, has fulfilled the dimensions in wellness.

While in the terms of development phase, currently Ubud can still be said to be staying in the development phase. Although the development of wellness tourism began a long time ago, the results of interviews conducted and literature research indicate that the demand for wellness tourism as an alternative tourism is still quite high. In addition, the diverse variety of activities offered also makes the atmosphere of wellness tourism in Ubud still competitive between the service providers and the forms of activity.

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