
FOREWORD

*Distinguish Delegates and Guests
Respected Invited Speakers
Dear Presenters and Participants
Ladies and Gentlemen*

**Assalamu’alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh
Good Morning**

As Chairperson and on behalf of the organising committee, I am delighted to welcome you all to the first International Conference on Teacher Training and Education (ICTTE) 2015, hosted by the Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, Sebelas Maret University, Surakarta.

As the year comes to the second decade of 21st century, there have been changing in whatever field of human endeavor affecting education that create paradigm shift and in practical routine. The key question of this conference is then, whether and to what extent the Institution of Teacher Trainings and Education develop, implement, manage, and accommodate pre-service teacher training programs to prepare teachers teach and students learn that reflect the roles and competencies as required in this era; what trends and policy shifted in education that shape and have strong impact on the direction of the institutions.

The theme of this exciting forum is ‘*Trends and Issues on Teacher Training and Education in the 21st Century*’, which embraces six main topics, including: (1) institutional quality of teacher training & education, (2) standardized curriculum of teacher training & education, (3) innovation in teaching, learning, and assessment of teacher training & education, (4) quality of educational research and community services of teacher training & education, (5) course development and teaching practices in teacher training & education, and (6) voices from schools.

ICTTE 2015 is conducted to provide a forum for researcher, academicians, teachers, school principals, government agencies, consultants to share their insights related to the current trends in education from the perspective of institution quality assurance, curriculum, innovative teaching, educational research, course development and teaching practice.

For this conference, we invited six plenary speakers with solid expertise from different countries and regions. We are extremely grateful to: (1) Prof. Kathryn Moyle, Ph.D, (2) Prof. May Hung May Ceng, (3) Prof. dr. Ali Ghufon Mukti, Ph.D, (4) Prof. Dato Zakaria Kasa, (5) Prof. Dr. Ravik Karsidi, M.S, and (6) Handoyo Puji Widodo, Ph.D. These speakers will present different lines of scholarship in the area of teacher education, including: Global Trend in Higher Education Policy; Becoming Globally Professional Teacher; Current Trend and Policy of Teacher Professional Development in Indonesia; Reforming Vocational Teacher Training and Education; Building a World Class University; and Curriculum Development of Teacher Training and Education. In addition, we reviewed and selected 176 abstracts for concurrent session of presentations. We believe that we can learn plenty of things from different presenters. This year’s conference is attended by more than 300 participants coming from different counties and regions in and beyond Indonesia. Selected papers will be published in indexed journal.

The conference is not able to come into a reality without wholehearted support from many parties. Therefore, on behalf of the committee, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to the Rector of Sebelas Maret University, the Dean of the Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, the invited plenary speakers, paper presenters, delegates and guests, participants, and all sponsoring agencies (Javenir and Batik Dewi Ratih) that have supported us to host this conference. In addition, my sincere thanks go to my organizing team and student volunteers for un-tiring efforts to make this conference as a memorable one.

I wish all the presenters and participants a fruitful and memorable experience at the first ICTTE 2015 in Solo. Last but not least, it is a pleasure to inform you that we are going to make this ICTTE into an annual international conference, proudly hosted by the Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, Sebelas Maret University, Surakarta. So, I do hope we will meet again at the second International Conference on Teacher Training and Education, ICTTE 2016.

Thank you.

Wassalamu'alaikum warahmatullahi wawarakatuh.

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