

FOREWORD

On behalf of the committee, we would like to welcome to all of you, at Yogyakarta State University. We are delighted to have the opportunity to host international seminar: *"Early Childhood Education in and for Socio Cultural Diversity" (as a foundation to character building)*. This theme is extremely relevant to conditions in Indonesia which is very diverse in his socio cultural, and to the social change which makes our life become more complex and diverse. Three main questions will be adressed, namely: what and why the need of multicultural education, how to conduct multicultural education and research method in multicultural education.

This seminar organized by Department of Early Childhood Education, Graduate Program, International Office of UNY, in collaboration with Una a study group which has interest and attention to the early childhood education and multicultural education, and facilitated by LSPPA Yogyakarta. Therefore, On behalf of the committee I would like express our special appreciation to: Prof. Dr. Paul Connolly (Quinn University Belfas, Ireland/ Una Co Director), Prof. Collin Tredoux (South Africa, co-chairing quantitative methodology learning group of UNA), Prof. Frances Aboud (McGill University, Canada), Prof. Dr. Rohaty Mohd. Majzub (University Kebangsaan Malaysia), Dr. Margaret Shore (Day Care, Australia), Prof. Dr. Dheviaa Bhana (University of Kwazulu, Natal, Afrika), Dr. Audrey D'Souza Juma (Aga Khan University-Institute for Educational Development, Karachi, Pakistan), Prof. Suyata, Ph. D (Yogyakarta State University), Prof. Dr. Abdul Rahman Abdul Aziz (Universiti Utara Malaysia), Prof. Dr. Siti Partini Suardiman (Yogyakarta State University), Yulia Ayriza, M.Si (Doctor Candidate, Yogyakarta State University), Sri Marpinjun (LSPPA). Hopefully, this cooperation can be enhanced in the future.

This seminar present 11 major papers, 14 complementary papers, and attended by 125 delegates from 35 public/private colleges and

universities from all over Indonesia, Singapura, and Malaysia. The seminar will last for two days.

We realize that this activity could not be conducted without the help and support from all of you. Therefore, the committee thanks to your help and support. Our special thanks also go to YSU Rector, and the Dean of the Faculty of Education, Director of Graduate Program for the opportunity, trust and support without which the seminar and the proceeding will not be completed. I am also grateful to all the seminar participants who have paid special attention and commitment to be parallel presenters and moderators.

We should apologize for the discontentment and inconvenience that the committee has caused you in regards to both the seminar and proceeding. I hope this proceeding will give you deeper insight about multicultural education and its application in early childhood education.

Chairman

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