

## FOREWORD

Assalamu'alaikum Wr.Wb

The Honorable:

Mr. Fasli Jalal Vice Minister, Ministry of National Education, as the key note  
speaker

Mr. and Mrs. guest speakers from Una, who come from different countries

Mr Reactor and Assistant Rector, Yogyakarta State University

Mr Senate Secretary Yogyakarta State University

Mr Dean and Chairman of the Institution of Yogyakarta State University

Ladies and gentlemen the international seminar participants

Mr and Mrs Committee

First of all, let us give thanks to our God who have given Hidayah and help so that we can gather in this place in a healthy state.

Ladies and Gentlemen

We would like to welcome to our guest speaker and all of you, in Yogyakarta, in international seminar in UNY. We gather here have the same goal namely to promote early childhood education, especially in Indonesia. The theme of the seminar is "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. Therefore, we need to equip children an ability to live in diverse society without losing their identity. In this seminar we will discuss about it. 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.

Ladies and Gentlemen

This seminar organized by Department of Early Childhood Education, Graduate Program, International Office of UNY, in collaboration with Una a study group who have interest and attention to the early childhood education and multicultural

education, and facilitated by LSPPA Yogyakarta. Therefore, in this opportunity the committee would like to thank 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 Marjuni. Hopefully, this cooperation can be enhanced in the future.

Ladies and Gentlemen

This seminar will 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.

Ladies and Gentlemen

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.

Finally, we ask Mr. Rector to give speech and open this seminar.

Thank for your attention, and have a good seminar.

Wassalamu'alaikum Wr.Wb

Chairman

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