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PREFACE

The quality of education is in fact inseparable from the quality of the students' character. Education is considered successful when it can change the students’ behavior and attitudes toward life. It implies the meaning that the better the quality of the students, the better their character will be. If in recent years students tend to be immoral, doing anarchism, cheating, being irresponsible, being intolerant, it shows an indication of the failure of the education itself. In response to this problem, the English Education Department of IKIP PGRI Semarang hosted TEFLIN International Conference by taking the theme of "Language Teaching and Character Building."

This conference explores approaches, issues and questions related to the character building in language teaching. Therefore, the topic areas include (1) the concepts of character building, (2) method and material development in character based language teaching, (3) trends in the linguistics study of English for science and technology, (4) courses assessment and evaluation, (5) the role of IT in language teaching, (7) translation in language teaching.

In this opportunity, the committee extends deepest gratitude and high appreciation to all contributors to make this conference possible. It is realized that the publication of this proceeding is still far from being perfect; however, hopefully it will be useful for the readers as a reference for enriching their knowledge on language teaching and character building.

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