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Welcoming Speech from the Chairperson of the 2nd AECON Committee

Assalamualaikum Warrahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

Good morning ladies and gentlemen,

Let's state our gratitude to Allah Subhanu Wa Ta'ala who gives us chances to gather here, in this conference. Let's also send our *Sholawat* and *salam* to our beloved prophet, Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wassalam.

On behalf of the AECON committee, I would like to welcome you in our second international conference on education at the University of Muhammadiyah Purwokerto. The theme of this year's conference is *Reinforcing Character Education into Pedagogical Practices*. This theme has been selected as we, educational practitioners, do not only focus on the development of our students' knowledge and skills but also their emotional growth. The 2013 Curriculum launched by Indonesian Government in July 2013 has highlighted the existence of three domains in education, cognitive, affective and skills. Therefore, it is important to address affective domain as it is the current concern in our education context.

The target of participants of the 2nd AECON is lecturers, teachers, researchers and those who are educational practitioners and interested in educational issues. We are very delighted that this year's conference has attracted many lecturers, teachers, students from overseas and various regions in Indonesia. There will be more than 20 papers plus 3 articles from 3 keynote speakers to be presented in 3 plenary sessions and 3 parallel sessions. Those papers present current issues in English Education, Math, English as Specific Purposes and learning English as a foreign language in Indonesia.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the Rector of the University of Muhammadiyah Purwokerto, The Vice Rector on Academic Affairs of The University of Muhammadiyah Purwokerto, the Dean of Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, and the Chairman of English Education Department for their support, which make this event possible. I would also like to thank the keynote speakers, Prof. Robyn Gillies from the University of Queensland, Australia; Dr. Vilma D' Rosario from National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore and Prof. Dr. Joko Nurkamto, M.Pd from Sebelas Maret University for accepting our invitation and sharing their depth-understanding on character education in Asia Pacific with us. I also thank to all presenters and participants who are willing to take part in this conference.

Last but not least, I also want to express my sincere gratitude to all members of the 2nd AECON committee who have been working hard from January 2014 until today and of course tomorrow.

Finally, I wish you a great and meaningful conference. I hope that this year's conference will give you ideas and insights of how to address moral education in our classroom.

Thank you,

Wassalamualaikum Warrahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

Purwokerto, November 2014

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Chairperson of The 2nd Asia-Pacific Education Conference

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