

WELCOMING REMARKS FROM THE CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN

Dear Participants,

Welcome to the 2008 Second Annual Accounting Conference and First Doctoral Colloquium held at the Faculty of Economics University Of Indonesia in Depok, Indonesia.

This year's conference theme follows that of last year, which is "Bridging the Gap Between Theory and Practice." We feel that this theme is still highly relevant for this year and maybe for the next two or three years. Reducing the gap between theoretical research and practice will ensure the relevancy and usefulness of research results to the changing needs in accounting related practice and policy making. This, in turn, will ensure the continuous partnership between university researchers, policy makers, and practitioners.

This conference, because of its similarity, is held together with the first doctoral colloquium which will provide a venue for doctoral students for presenting dissertation proposals, obtain inputs and feedbacks, and changing of ideas.

During the two days of the conference, in addition to the doctoral colloquium mentioned above, we will have two main plenary sessions presenting topics related to the main theme of the conference, and several break-up sessions divided according to the typical areas of accounting research: financial accounting and capital market, auditing, tax accounting, public sector accounting, accounting education, accounting information systems, management accounting, shari'ah accounting, and corporate governance. On the second day, after the morning plenary session, which will be a forum for discussing the impact and relevancy of the first day's research results that were presented towards accounting practice and policy making, we will have concurrent sessions discussing current issues which will be of interest for practitioners: two topics are related to evidence of fraud and corruption, one topic on the implementation of IFRS and one on the implementation of Sarb-Ox in an Indonesian company listed in NYSE. There will also be a workshop to introduce qualitative methods to accounting research.

We are delighted and honored to have several distinguished speakers from abroad at this year's conference. Prof. Andrew Stark of the Manchester Business School, England will



present to us his ideas of “How to make research becomes applied” and Dr. Richard Aitken-Davies of ACCA will discuss with us ”The Business benefits of global standards”

This conference will not be made possible without the support and sponsorship of various sponsors whose names are listed in the proceedings of this conference. We express our deepest gratitude to these generous sponsors.

With all the various topics that will be discussed at this conference I am certain that each and every one of you will be able to find sessions that will be of interest to you and which will provide you with the highest benefit.

Thank you for coming, and enjoy the conference.

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Conference Chairman

