

The Speech of the Committee Chairman

Assalamualaikum w.w.

First of all, let's thank Allah SWT, the God, the most Gracious, the most merciful. *Sholawat* and *salam* may Allah give to the greatest prophet Muhammad SAW.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to welcome you all to the 2nd UAD TEFL International Conference under the core theme of "*New Paradigms in Teaching English as a Foreign Language*". We're very glad to inform you all that this conference has attracted many practitioners in TEFL in Indonesia, including researchers, English lecturers and teachers. The participants of the conference come from national and international institutions. And there were around 120 abstracts reaching the committee desk. Unfortunately, because of the limited time and venue, we could only accept 100 abstracts. These 100 papers plus 5 papers from the invited speakers will be presented in 4 plenary sessions and 4 parallel sessions.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Allow me to express my deepest gratitude to those who have made this conference possible. My thanks go to the Rector of UAD, the Dean of *FKIP* (Faculty of Teacher Training and Education), and the Head of English Education Study Program for their support. I would also like to thank the invited speakers: Dr. Dat Bao and Ilia Leikin from Monash University, Australia, Dr. Abdul Malik Mohamed Ismail from Universiti Sains Malaysia, Eran Williams, M.A. from RELO, the U.S. Embassy, Prof. Dr. Bustami Subhan, M.S. from University of Ahmad Dahlan, Indonesia, Prof. Irene A. Largo, Ph.D. from University of Nueva Caceres, Philippine for accepting our invitation and giving lectures in the conference. Next, my thanks also go to all presenters and participants of this conference and to all sponsors as well.

I do hope this conference can be one of the ways to provide a wider horizon to develop new paradigms in Teaching English as a Foreign Language.

Thank you

Wassalamualaikum w.w.

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