

## Welcome Speech from the Rector of UAD

*Assalamu'alaikum w.w.*

Ladies and gentlemen, good morning

First of all, let us thank Allah, the Almighty, for blessing and guiding us into the right path, and for granting all means and opportunities together here to attend this very meaningful occasion.

On behalf of the University of Ahmad Dahlan, we are greatly honored and pleased to welcome you all to the Second UAD TEFL International Conference on “New Paradigms in Teaching English as a Foreign Language”. As we know, Teaching English as a Foreign Language in Indonesia has become an issue which is dynamic, progressive and always worth discussing. English professors, teachers, experts and practitioners have always been very keen on conducting both academic discussions and researches in order to find new ideas, strategies, methods, approaches and paradigms in teaching English as a foreign language in Indonesia.

However, plenty of the people practicing in teaching English as a foreign language in Indonesia are not aware of them. Many issues concerning teaching English as a foreign language in Indonesia still remain unclear and need to be disclosed. To raise awareness of the paradigms in teaching English as a foreign language in Indonesia, English Education Department of University of Ahmad Dahlan holds this conference to offer you a unique opportunity to share ideas and experiences and to discuss evolving paradigms in TEFL in Indonesia, which we definitely hope to result in the improved practice of teaching English as a foreign language in Indonesia.

We would also like to extend our gratitude especially to Dr.Dat Bao and Ilia Leikin of Monash University Australia, Professor Abdul Rashid Mohammed, Ph.D. and Dr. Shaik Abdul Malik Mohamed Ismail of Universiti Sains Malaysia, Eran Williams, M.A. of Regional English Language Office, U.S. Embassy, Professor Irene A.Largo, Ph.D. of University of Nueva Caceres, Philipine and Professor Bustami Subhan M.S. of University of Ahmad Dahlan who have accepted our invitation to become the invited speakers of today's Conference.

Ladies and gentlemen, finally allow me on behalf of the big family of University of Ahmad Dahlan to wish you a fruitful and pleasant international conference.

*Wassalamu'alaikum w.w.*

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