Dear participants,

The essential nature of the academic profession lies in creating/renewing, disseminating and preserving knowledge. Therefore, the most important duties of an academic staff are doing research, teaching and advising of students. Research is a process of creating or discovering new knowledge and sharing it to the academic society. A simple definition of teaching is to impart knowledge to students, meaning that if a teacher is not an expert in the knowledge it is impossible to teach well. Meanwhile, advising is a process of guiding students into conducting best practices of doing research.

It can be seen that to become a good teacher, one should firstly become a good researcher. The reason is that the teacher with high capability of doing research will be able to deliver acquired, proven knowledge excellently, not only related to know-what and know-how but also know-why, where we all understand that know-why is the primary concern of doing research. It can also be observed that to become a good advisor, one should firstly become a good teacher (who has already become a good researcher). The reason is that the advisor should teach and direct students to define a research question and practicing the so-called scientific method.

Accordingly, the first step in building the academic career is do research, that is, produce and share new knowledge. Attending a seminar and making presentations are very important in successfully serving as an academic staff. I do hope that, with the seminar at Wittenborg University of Applied Science, all participants will experience in exchanging of views, and enjoy the visit to Amsterdam and to other places in Europe. This will also be a proof that work and leisure times could be integrated to our way of life.

Head of Coordinating Office for Private Higher Education Institutions in West Java and Banten Provinces,

Prof. Dr. Abdul Hakim Halim
MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KORPRI KOPERTIS REGION IV IN THE JOINT SEMINAR AT WITTENBORG UNIVERSITY NOVEMBER 7, 2016

The noble President of The Wittenborg University, Netherland;

Dear Mr vice president; professors, lecturers, and student of the Wittenborg University;

Dear Fellow party of joint seminar of Kopertis Region IV West Java and Banten Indonesia.

First of all, let us pray and worship Allah Swt that on this morning we can meet face to face at the campus of the Wittenborg University in good health. Also peace and greetings be upon the Prophet Muhammd, his friends, his family, and his people.

Mr President of the Wittenborg University, ladies, and gentlemen, our group consists of the Coordinator Kopertis Region IV, the board of trustees, the rector, and professors all numbering of 72 people. We have previously held a joint seminar at Wittenborg University namely on November 7, 2016.

On this happy occasion we express our gratitude to the President of the Wittenborg University on acceptance to us to attend an international seminar attended by the Indonesian students who were studying at the Wittenborg University. Hopefully, in this activity we could share experiences and knowledge, wether in social, educational, thechnical, or other issues.

Thema international seminar: "Strategic Toward The Qualified High Education". After completion of this activity, hopefully it can be followed up with International Proceedings Publishing. And by God willing we will help colleagues in proposing to promote functional position, for associate professor and professors.

Also in addition to that, we wishes that the President University of Netherland future presumably can conduct assessments of MOU with several universities in the Kopertis Region IV West Java, Banten Indonesia, about educational problems of teaching, visiting professor, research, achange lecturers-students, and community service.

Finally we would lie to thank the President of the Wittenborg University an the entire universities, community who already providing various facilities so that these activities can be implemented successfully. Hopefully Allah avanges our righteous deeds with an abundande og grace and his gift, aamiin YRA.

Chairman of the KORPRI Kopertis Region IV,

Prof. Dr. Endang Komara, M.Si.