Speech of General Chair, ICoSITeR 2019

The honorable Rector of Institut Teknologi Sumatera, Deans, and Head of Departments and Research Centers,
Respected Plenary and Invited speakers from New Zealand, Malaysia, Switzerland, Japan, Taiwan and Indonesia,
Distinguished Guests, All Speakers, Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me on behalf of the organizing committee of this conference to welcome you at the 4th International Conference on Science, Infrastructure Technology and Regional Development, this morning here at Institut Teknologi Sumatera, Lampung, Indonesia. My thanks go to Dr. Surono, the former Ministry Expert Staff of Geohazards, Indonesia, Prof. Lester Finch and Prof. Ramon Zamora from Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand, Prof. Takuya Sugahara from Ehime University, Japan, Prof. Poki Chen, National Taiwan University of Science and Technology, Taiwan, Prof. Azhar Zam, University of Basel, Switzerland, Dr. Acep Purqon from Institut Teknologi Bandung/ITERA, Prof. Mohd Mustafa Al Bakri and Dr. Norazian Mohamed Noor from Universiti Malaysia Perlis, Malaysia, Prof. Mohd Remy Rozainy and Prof. Mohamad Fared Murshed from Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia.

The theme of the seminar, “Green Technology and Infrastructure to Achieve Sustainable Development Goals”, reflects our belief that university has important roles in achieving the goals, and engaging students in these efforts will nurture students to become global leaders as well as to provide them with capabilities to solve current and future problems and improve the quality of life. This conference has a special importance for us, primarily as it shows our endeavour in research and development, appropriate for our unique demands, and secondly as it provides means to exchange information and experiences. Hearing of someone else's background and experiences can often make for fascinating discoveries that can educate and profoundly affect us. So take advantage of this gathering of hundreds of people working in the science, engineering, infrastructure and regional development fields to meet one another, talk with one another, learn from one another, and also open up opportunities for collaboration including international cooperation.

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,
The conference has received many oral and poster presentations from researchers and students from universities and research centers, from many places in Indonesia, as well as from other countries. I hope that all participants will gain a lot of benefits from the fruitful discussion during the conference.

I would like to express my thanks to the Organizing Committee of the conference, academic staffs and students; I am indeed delighted and thank you for all your effort and hard working for making this conference happened. Thank you also to distinguished guests and speakers from various parts of Indonesia and abroad who have made their time to attend this seminar. I know that some of you have traveled from quite a distance. Please enjoy your stay in Lampung and have a nice time.

Muhamad A. Martoprawiro, PhD.
Conference Chair
Speech of Rector, Institut Teknologi Sumatera

The Honorable Plenary Speakers, The Honorable Invited Speakers and Participants,
All distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, Good Morning.

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all and say how grateful I am to have the honorable speakers from all over the world who have accepted our invitation to convene in the 4th International Conference on Science, Infrastructure Technology and Regional Development or ICoSITeR, here in ITERA, Lampung, Indonesia.

ICoSITeR is ITERA annual international conference in hope to be the medium for researchers, companies, organizations and stake holders to gather, exchange and discuss our interest related to this year’s theme, Green Technology and Infrastructure to Achieve Sustainable Development Goals. Ideas, breakthroughs and innovations are what we hope as the outcomes of this conference as well as giving insightful explanation on Sustainable Development Goals.

Sustainable Development Goals is a universal agenda arranged by The United Nations in hope to solve poverty, climate and environment changes, bring welfare, peace and justice. There are 17 main agendas and 6 of them are relevant to ICoSITeR’s theme this year, such as Goal 6, Clean Water and Sanitation; Goal 7 Affordable and Clean Energy; Goal 9 Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure; Goal 11, Sustainable Cities and Communities; Goal 12, Responsible Production and Consumption, and goal 17 Partnership for Goals. ITERA has also been working to contribute in Sustainable Development Goals through the development of some ITERA Research Centers such as Intensification Process, Renewable Energy, Railways, Disaster Mitigation, Geospatial Information System, Remote Sensing and other upcoming relevant research.

Distinguished speakers, participants, ladies and gentlemen

The 4th ICoSITeR is conducted to become a place to present the research findings from many researchers, especially from Institut Teknologi Sumatera, before showcasing their results to the next level. We also are very blessed to have our amazing plenary speakers from Indonesia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Taiwan, Japan and Switzerland. I am also very pleased to have the external participants, from Indonesia and overseas, who come to ITERA to share their research.

Our conference covers plenary session in the morning, and two parallel sessions in separate rooms, depending on the sub-topic, in the afternoon, for two days. Tonight, we have Cultural Night which will be carried out in this very hall. The Cultural Night is an event to welcome all our distinguished guests as well as introduce you to Indonesian Culture. It would be my pleasure to have you attend the event tonight at 7 pm. Besides Cultural Night, we also have another event called Swarna Fest 2019 that will be held on Sunday, 27 October 2019 in this area, inside and outside this building. Swarna Fest is a festival to show Sumatera art and culture presented by ITERA academic community as a part of event to celebrate the 5th anniversary of ITERA. I also welcome you to come and see our local art and culture in this event.

Moreover, besides our conference today, there are posters and exhibitions in this building from ITERA’s students and graduates, ITERA Astronomical Observatory Center, ITERA Research Centers and ITERA students unit. You are very much welcome to look around in these exhibitions to know more about our institution and activities.

Ladies and Gentlemen

Once again, I am proud and grateful to have ITERA to conduct the 4th ICoSITeR which hopefully will mark the day of any science and technology breakthroughs for the reinforcement of our life, country and prosperity for many human beings. I wish you have a dynamic, informative, constructive and successful conference at Institut Teknologi Sumatera. And without further a due, I officially declare the 4th International Conference on Science, Infrastructure Technology and Regional Development 2019 open. Thank you very much and Good Morning.

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