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WELCOMING NOTES

I would like to welcome all delegates and invited guests at the 2014 International Conference of Early Childhood Education in the Indonesia University of Education (UPI), Bandung, West Java, Indonesia.

This conference is held as part of the celebration of UPI"s 60th Dies Natalis. The theme chosen for our conference is Negotiating Practices of Early Childhood Education. We are aware that nowadays there are different practices of early childhood education that compliment each other in one way but it may also contradict in another way. Our hope is this conference will provide a space where those different practices can communicate with one another.

This conference can only be possible with assistances from so many institutions and individuals. We are grateful for the support provided by Rector of UPI, Dean of Faculty of Education and his staffs, School of Postgraduate Studies, as well as hard work of staffs in our program, Early Childhood Education Teacher Education Program (PG-PAUD) and our students.

We also would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all our keynote speakers from Lancaster University, UK, Gothenburg University, Sweden, Flinders University Australia, National Dong Hwa University, Taiwan, University of Malaya, Malaysia, as well as from Indonesia University of Education. We also thank our presenters and participants from various places in Indonesia as well as from oversea like Malaysia, Australia and Oman.

We wish you a wonderful conference.

Head of PGPAUD-Program

Dr. Ocih Setiasih, M.Pd.

FOREWORD

This proceeding is based on papers presented by participants in our international conference of early childhood education (ECE). The theme chosen for this year is "Negotiating Practices of Early Childhood Education". The theme is based on understanding that we live in a hybrid world where different values, ideologies, practice including those of in early childhood education interact; compete yet they also complete one another.

Papers presented in our conference reflect this theme. This proceeding is commenced by papers and extended abstract from our keynote speakers. The topic ranges from gender issues in ECE, negotiating concept of care in ECE, a cross-cultural perspective on parenting and play. The diverse topic presented in the keynote speech illuminates the richness of practices and theories of ECE.

The proceeding is divided into 13 themes. There are Philosophical Issues in Early Childhood Education; Curriculum and Assessment of Early Childhood Education; Quality and Human Investment in Early Childhood Education; Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) in Early Childhood Education; Parenting; Gender Issues in ECE; Teachers Training in Early Childhood Education; Language Development and Literacy in Early Childhood Education; Children's Social and Emotional Development; Children's Cognitive Development; Creativity in Early Childhood Education; Multiculturalism in early childhood education; and Primary Education (Grade 1-3). Each theme is hoped to stimulate debates and discussion in ECE. All these themes take into account new trend and concept that affects the way childhood is situated and constructed.

The papers presented in the proceeding also reflect different epistemological and philosophical framework that shape each author"s writing. It is not our aim to demonstrate which framework is the most suitable one, as we do not one to make one particular theory as the only truth in ECE. Therefore, we welcomed existing theories in ECE while at the same we attempted to go beyond current theories as well as practices and embrace new perspectives in ECE. It is our hope that each theory can help us understand children, childhood and ECE better.

Editor

Vina Adriany, M.Ed., Ph.D

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THE EFFECT OF PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION ON ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN INDONESIA

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ABSTRACT

This study analyzes the effect of early childhood education on academic performance in Indonesia. We use ordinary least square method to estimate the effect of kindergarten education (TK) on Indonesian language and mathematics score in primary and secondary school. We use the Indonesian Family Life Survey (IFLS) in 2007 to obtain a sample data of 1,013 individuals to estimate the effect of kindergarten education. We found that the kindergarten education has a weak effect on students' performance. We also found that gender, location, and school type have stronger effect than kindergarten education.

Keywords: Early Childhood Education, Kindergarten, Academic Achievement, Indonesia,

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Introduction

Legislation of Indonesia Number 20 Year 2003 on National Education System defines Early Childhood Education/Pendidikan Anak Usia Dini (PAUD) as an effort to provide guidance to children from birth to age six years are done through educational stimulation to help the growth and development of the physical and spiritual so that children are ready to enter the education further. Early Childhood Education is a profitable investment for the children. Cost-Benefit Ratio for early childhood policy indicates gains of 4 to 5 times, even higher even than the amount invested for the development of early childhood (Pirozzi, 2013). However, the benefitsthat need to be considered not only gains greater than the costs, but also early childhood education programs are able to be a better program to improve children's success than other programs (Currie, 2001). Early childhood education can be an attractive option to avoid poverty for the child's future life (Currie, 2001). Early childhood education program also aims to support disadvantaged children have equal opportunities to start a school with other children (Ou and Reynolds, 2006). Berlinski's study (2006) showed the that attendance of pre primary school affect positively to grades result of Spanish Language and Mathematics. Precompulsory and preschool education also affect the grades / scores for Mathematics and Reading (Goodman and Sianesi, 2005).

One article in the website of the World Bank (World Bank, 2013) explained that the Indonesian government, the Dutch government, and the World Bank cooperated to conduct programs that expand early childhood services in 2008. The World Bank conducted a study to evaluate the impact of the program on children early age. World Bank study shows that early childhood services program provides promising benefits for children. The results of the study also showed that the group of children who attend the Education and Early Childhood Development/*Pendidikan dan Pengembangan Anak Usia Dini (PPAUD)* made progress in thinking and language abilities, which are two important things to be ready for school. The girls also got great benefit from this PPAUD program.

Based on research in developing countries, early childhood development to give an increase in school enrollment and educational performance, as well as the impact on the possibility of future get to work (Pirozzi, 2011). Early Childhood Education/PAUD should be a fun place for the kids to keep them interested in learning and playing (Kartika, 2013). The







