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FOREWORD

Recent research has again highlighted the pivotal importance of teachers in quality education. Regardless of other factors, the fact remains - “the quality of an education system cannot exceed the quality of its teachers” (Barber & Moursched, 2007, p. 13). The belief that changes in the organization could instigate improved achievement outcomes was branded naïve. It was argued that regardless of what changes are made to curricula, governance or funding, there would be no significant improvement if the teachers were not highly proficient.

In Indonesia, many educational reforms have recently been passed, but without highly competent and professional teachers, the status quo will remain in the classroom. The aim of this international seminar is to support the Indonesian teachers to become Agents of Change, in their classrooms and in their schools for improved educational outcomes.

The seminar takes a two pronged approach; the first day the program focuses on overarching education issues with a view to stress the link between the standard of teachers and teaching and societal development. We believe Indonesia needs teachers who are highly skilled professionals, who proudly see themselves as pedagogical experts. The second day of the seminar offers practical hands-on strategies that immediately can be used in the classroom.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Rector and the Pro-Rectors at Satya Wacana Christian University for their backing. Further, we have an outstanding group of distinguished, international key note speakers; to whom we are immensely grateful for their strong, both personal and professional support of our seminar. Thank you to all our presenters and participants for your curiosity and desire to share and learn. Last but not least, we would like to give our heartfelt thanks to all the committee members who have worked so hard to make this international seminar an event to remember.

The importance of excellent teachers cannot be questioned. Thus, teachers who become Agents of Change will make an invaluable contribution to many students’ lives as well as to the future of Indonesia. This is what we celebrate in this international seminar.

Agents of Change – Celebrating Teachers.

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Nowadays, computer and education is something that could not be separated anymore. With the help of computer, there is a bunch of advantages and easiness in teaching learning process. Apart from that, all the knowledge and information could be easily accessed through Internet. This inspires one of private high school in Salatiga to use computer and internet in improving their teaching and learning activity quality. As a matter of fact, the teaching learning process normally takes place at school hour. To avoid this phenomenon then an online learning system is developed. This system comprises of providing teaching material and exam through online system. The objective of developing this kind of system is to help and facilitate teachers and students in their teaching learning process outside their school hours. The benefit of this online system is that, when students attend classes they do not need to keep themselves busy taking notes of what being explained by the teacher as every single material given in the class will be uploaded. Students could access them whenever they have time provided that they have internet connection. They do not need to worry about losing their note book as well because the file uploaded by the teacher will be available all the time online. Talking about the examination, there is also a plus point, when students have their examination in form of multiple choice questions, they will get the result directly after they take the exam. The system will automatically generate the result for the students. In another side, it also helps reducing teachers’ load to check students work. Having this online learning system, it turns out to be very beneficial for the students and teacher. They could cross the border of time and space so that they actually could do the learning process wherever and whenever they want as long as they have the facility.