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## FOREWORD



*Assalamu'alaikum Wr. Wbr. (Peace be upon you). Let us thanks to our Almighty, Allah SWT (Subhanahu Wa-Ta'ala), Who has bestowed us all the best blessings and prosperity. Peace may be upon to our Great Prophet Muhammad SAW (Salallahu 'Alaihi Wassalam or peace be upon him), his companions, his family, and his faithful and dutiful followers until the end of the world. Amien.*

The publication of *EDUCARE* journal, issue of February 2016, was delayed, for several reasons, including because all data and articles' files in the Editor computer were infected by a virus. As a result, the Editor must contact all authors, via e-mail, to send back their full articles. Indeed, not all authors, whose their articles will be published in this journal, responded well, even there are the authors who cancel and reject his/her article to be published in the *EDUCARE* journal, issue of February 2016. Faced with this reality, the Editor could not do anything and even resigned to it. The Editor eventually has to re-edit the articles that have received, by requiring a time not short to do it.

The development of science and technology, especially ITI (Information Technology and Internet), has changed the world; and enable people to communicate and interact rapidly and widespread. Geographical boundaries of a nation-state so easily to be penetrated and not a barrier anymore. The way of our working everyday is also changing, with the help of science and technology, including in managing the scholarly journals. If managing the scholarly journal conventionally, in the past, it was very long time in the process of editing and printing, also including the long time and limited in the dissemination process of articles in journals that have been published, then now is the opposite: a fast-paced, instant, and widespread in the distribution process. If managing the scholarly journal conventionally, in the past, was still to be printed and less environmentally friendly, because it had to use the paper for example, so now completely in an online version and does not damage the environment.

However, the development of science and technology also carries implications which, if not well be anticipated, will bring the values that are less good. Mode of working that wants a quick, instant, and massive often reduces the values about the importance of thinking quietly, working diligently and thoroughly, and more concerned with quantity than quality. In other words, the development of science and technology – in its implementation – should be guided by good values in moral, religion, and social ethics. In this context, including in managing the scholarly journals, so the means of modern work that is not accompanied by the good values, in turn, will result a scholarly journal with its articles that fails to demonstrate the findings in-depth study, including in the process of editing to the journal articles that are less professional.

The FKIP UMP (Faculty of Education and Teacher Training, Muhammadiyah University of Purwokerto) in Central Java, Indonesia still believe and had high expectations towards the Executive Board of ASPENSI (Association of Indonesian Scholars of History Education) in Bandung, West Java – through the Minda Masagi Press – to always pay attention and to practice the good values in the life. Despite facing many obstacles, such as delay in publishing the issue of February 2016, but the process of reviewing and editing of the articles that are received remain to be done with diligent, thorough, and professional manners, which in the end – when the dissemination process of journals in an online version – produce the quality articles in the journal that are good and proud. Process and good results will also likely lead to a “trust” from the stakeholders, in this case are the candidates of journal authors, in order to always send their best articles to be published in the scholarly journals that be organized and managed professionally.

The articles published in the *EDUCARE* journal, issue of February 2016, come from the authors of three countries: Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines. Their articles are results of the study that quite deep and contributing the significant ideas in the development of science. The authors from Indonesia, for example, examined how to simulate the course of Transformation Geometry, which was considered difficult by the students in general, in lecturing process, so that the subject becomes easy to comprehend and well understood. Thus, a teacher or a lecturer needs to be continuously thinking and finding the appropriate methods in the learning or lecturing process, so that pupils or students can follow it easily, attractively, happy, and provide meaningful knowledge.

Articles from the authors of Philippines, one, also examines how to teach Algebra to the elementary school children through pictorial model approach, so that the lessons is easy to understand actively, creatively, funny, effectively, and meaningfully by the pupils at the school. While another article, from the Philippines, examines the “local knowledge” from one of the tribes in the Isabela Province, the Philippines, namely tribe of Agta who are very concern on ways to maintain and preserve the environment that is good and harmonious, from generation to generation, until now.

Articles of Malaysia's authors, that one, examines the effectiveness of using the SBA (School-Based Assessment) for Mathematics, so that students in the school to get an understanding and a satisfactory academic achievement. Back again that the teacher's creativity in managing the TLP (Teaching and Learning Process) in the classroom is very important. While other an article is the result of collaboration between authors from Malaysia and author from Indonesia, which examines the effectiveness of supervising and guiding process in the institutions of educational and vocational technology in Malaysia. As stated by the authors of this article that the ability to develop effective supervision in TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training) should be catered in many ways which reflect the needs of students, for example by providing training to new supervisors.

Do enjoy reading the *EDUCARE* journal and hopefully you will derive much benefit from it. Wassalamu'alaikum Wr. Wbr. (peace be also upon you).

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