

## **Preface**

The 2023 1st Syekh Nurjati International Conference on Elementary Education (SICEE 2023) hosted by Department of Mardrasah Ibtidaiyah Teacher Education, Faculty of Tarbiyah and Teacher Training, IAIN Syekh Nurjati Cirebon collaboration with Perkumpulan Dosen PGMI Indonesia from July 28-30th, 2023. This Conference was the first in a series of Syekh Nurjati International Conference on Elementary Education. SICEE 2023 was attended by about 120 participants from different countries and regions.

For this first meeting, we chose Grage Hotel Cirebon, West Java, Indonesia as our Conference venue and met with our old and new friends. The aim of these conferences is to discuss transformation curriculum from 2013 curriculum to merdeka curriculum and his implementation in a pleasant and friendly atmosphere. At this meeting, we had a comprehensive overview of this merdeka curriculum in elementary education.

The Conference presented an outstanding paper volume covering the most recent advances in implementation of merdeka curriculum, teacher competence in merdeka curriculum, asesment and testing in merdeka curriculum, learning innovation in elementary schools, higher order thinking skills, digital thinking transformation, Technological Paedagogical Content Knowledge (TPAK), etc. The papers in this Proceedings published by Syekh Nurjati International Conference on Elementary Education represent a collection of plenary talks, invited keynote speeches and other contributions.

The Conference program consisted of five keynote speeches presented in plenary sessions, including four "hot topic" speeches highlighting the most recent advances in the fields, and various oral presentations. Among them, Professor Yahya Bin Don from Universiti Utara Malaysia, Malaysia, Professor Tariq Mahmood from Punjab University, India, Sitti Maesuri Patahuddin, Ph.D. from University of Canberra, Australia, Dr. Andi Prastowo from PD PGMI Indonesia / UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta, Indonesia, Dr. Widya Karmila Sari Achmad, M.Pd. from HD PGSD Indonesia / Universitas Negeri Makassar, Indonesia, and Dr. Muhammad Affandi from Unissula Semarang, Indonesia.

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