

Preface

Developments in information technology have significantly changed the way that people communicate and the way we see and respond to events and issues. The Faculty of Social and Political Sciences at Universitas Sebelas Maret recognised this powerful influence of information technology on social networking and politics in Asia, particularly in Indonesia. This led to the holding of the third annual International Conference on Social and Political Sciences (IcoSaPS) in Solo from November 2-3, 2016. The conference deliberated on a range of information technology related topics that are relevant to the development of social science and political science research initiatives in the region. The third IcoSaPS was held to explore and elaborate on the latest innovations in information technology and its impact on different communities. The conference was themed 'Impact of Information Technology on Social and Political Dynamics' to provide a platform for academics and industry practitioners to discuss their research projects and other work-in-progress, to promote collaboration for further research as well as to recommend practical measures for the development of socio-economic, public health and national communication policies by the relevant government bodies. We are honored to have A/Prof. Bilveer Singh (National University of Singapore), Dr. Eric Loo (University of Wollongong, Australia), A/Prof. Janet McIntyre-Mills (Flinders University, Australia), and Dr. Priyambudi Sulistiyanto (Flinders University, Australia) as our keynote speakers. We believe that collaborating with our overseas colleagues would provide a gateway for developing comparative studies in the social and political sciences. We are also glad to welcome 47 presenters from various universities in Indonesia, whose papers are published in eight clusters in this proceeding. We hope that our ongoing work at the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, and the compilation of the papers presented at the conference can contribute to a better understanding of the dynamics of information technology and how they impact on the social, cultural, economic and political activities in the region.

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Honorable Dean of Faculty of Social and Political Sciences Universitas Sebelas Maret Surakarta, Honorable speakers of the 3rd International Conference on Social and Political Sciences (ICoSaPS 2016), A/Prof. Janet McIntyre, Dr Eric Loo, Dr. Priyambudi Sulistyanto, Dr Sri Hastjarjo, and A/ Professor Bilveer Singh. Distinguished presenters and participants, and distinguished guests, ladies, and gentleman,

It gives me great pleasure to extend to you all a very warm welcome on behalf of the committee of the 3rd International Conference on Social and Political Sciences (ICoSaPS 2016) and to say how grateful we are to you who have accepted our invitation to convene this international conference here in Surakarta.

As we know, the development of technology is irresistible. Lately, it gives a greater domination in people's life in many aspects. The information technology has become prominent due to its transformation of human needs. The Maslow's hierarchy of needs no longer fits modern life. Information is considered to be more important than food, air, or water as physiological needs. Along with this transformation, the information technology has become a need that will support people's lives.

Technology is not only related to technical aspects, but also the social one. After the technical scientists work on the new invention, the social scientists must take a part on the studying of the social aspects because the users of the technology are people with all their complexities. As the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, we believe that we have an important role to play in hosting this conference to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and research findings on the social aspects of information technology.

This conference aims to explore and elaborate on the dynamics of information technology and its impact on the people's lives. There are so many things that can be revealed regarding the impact of information technology on the development of public policies. We believe that this conference will come up with new insights on the fast-changing information technology.

Finally, I would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all the speakers, presenters, and participants in this conference. Thank you.

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