

## Preface

# ICSEAS 2016: The 1st International Conference on South East Asia Studies

The 1st International Conference on South East Asia Studies, ICSEAS 2016, was hosted by *Badan Penerbit dan Publikasi Universitas Gadjah Mada*, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. This conference intended to bring out the challenges which come from the decrease of absolute poverty and the problems it poses to an open forum in a way researchers could exchange their ideas freely in order to fundamentally help put the challenge of the twentieth century for the region in a clear perspective. Creating a common and good society based on the ideals of democracy, welfare, equality, pluralism, and a respect for the environment requires a deep understanding of the interrelatedness of such an endeavor. Perhaps, the major challenge is in convincing such a project to the people of ASEAN.

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ICSEAS 2016 expanded these topics in over 23 invited talks from international speakers including Japan, Republic of Korea (South Korea), the United Kingdom, Australia, and Indonesia that highlighted the recent developments in the specific area through speech and parallel and plenary sessions. This reveals that the first ICSEAS has connected notions and resolution with an actual international community.

Paper publication is a comprehensive process that depends on the committed people who are concerned in this field. We invited 19 researchers from related fields to referee ICSEAS 2016's papers. After a careful refereeing process, we have selected 36 papers from over 150 registered presenters to be published in KnE Social Sciences. These selected papers reflect the seven themes of ICSEAS 2016, including pluralism in a democratic Southeast Asia, challenges to democracy, welfare and poverty in an unequal society, equality and new categories of discrimination, climate change and its challenges, food security and the future of Southeast Asia, and challenges to border security.

My gratitude would be addressed to the reviewers who gave their time and mind in reviewing the papers. The published papers have passed the improvement process accommodating the discussion during the conference as well as the reviewers' comments for any necessary improvement.

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I would like to briefly thank the Scientific and Editorial Board who have bestowed their spirit and myriad time to consolidate these constellation of works into the ICSEAS 2016's first publication. Many thanks to Knowledge E Publishing, Dubai, UAE and the editorial team for preparing this proceeding. The ICSEAS 2016's Proceeding in KnE Social Sciences is an honor to the large group of people, and everyone should be proud of the result.

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