PREFACE

Narratives of Sustainable Development: Industry in the Global World Meeting Social Ecological Responsibility

Surakarta, one of major centre of leading industry in Javanese culture, was the home of 52nd anniversary of Universitas Muhammadiyah Surakarta (UMS) held at 15 January 2011 at the Auditorium Muhammad Djazman of UMS. The theme of the conference, "Industry in the Global World: Meeting Social Ecological Responsibility for Sustainable Development", reflects the current environment problems experienced by tertiary academics and educators, government, stakeholders in sustainable development and environmentalists both nationally and internationally; and was chosen to stimulate, provoke and challenge participants to critically examine the development of industry in increasingly irregular manifold predicaments caused by climate change.

This conference attracted many delegates from across the universities in Java and abroad. The speakers for this conference were Prof. Bernard Adeney-Risakotta, Ph.D. (previously taught at Berkeley University and now the International Representative of ICRS-Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies, Universitas Gajah Mada, Yogyakarta) and Muhammad Mujiburohman Ph.D (Universitas Muhammadiyah Surakarta). Prof. Dr. Bambang Setiaji, The Rector, opened the conference with a thought-provoking talk on the impacts of industry in the global world. He encouraged the conference participants to seriously think about the socio-ecological impacts of the booming industry from the individual perspective. Bambang Setiaji gave examples to explicate socioecological responsibilities and stressed that individual shall play major role in combating global warming by restraining unfriendly-behavior to save the natural resources, such as by not consuming un-renewable stuffs like plastics. As an introduction, the convener of the conference Muhamad Muslich Hartadi Ph.D spoke about the responsibility of the industry to the surrounding environment by generating watchful behavior to the pollution created, meaning using naturalfriendly chemicals and governing friendly pollutants. The vision is to encourage full participation and synergy from multi-disciplinary fields achieving sustainable development.

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