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PREFACE

On September 6-7, 2007, the Faculty of Psychology - University of Surabaya hosted the International Conference entitled "Improving the Quality of Human Life: Multidisciplinary Approach on Strategic Relevance for Urban Issues". The event took place in Surabaya and was organized in conjunction with the 25th Anniversary of Faculty of Psychology, University of Surabaya. The International Conference was held at the JW Marriott Surabaya Hotel.

The need for multidisciplinary approach on improving the quality of human life has never been greater. Rapid economic and social changes may bring negative effects to the quality of human life. The changes have led to changing in various aspects of human life. It seems clear that multidisciplinary approach on strategic relevance for urban issues will continue to be important.

Taking the time to review our quality of life gives us a chance to re-evaluate what we are doing and where we want to go. It lets us fine-tune our direction, to ensure we are on track for what we most want. Therefore this conference provided opportunities for all participants to discuss ways of improving the quality of human life.

The conference presented three sub-themes related to the quality of life in urban settings: industrial and social setting, community health setting, educational, developmental and environmental setting. Each sub-theme produced numerous interesting discussions during the event, of which the full papers can be read in this proceeding. We wish for the proceeding to be fruitful and able to provide insight for readers, particularly those interested in the central theme on Improving the Quality of Human Life.

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Jenny Lukito Setiawan
Chair, Scientific Committee

Quality of life in urban settings is an area of study that has increased an amount of interest in recent years. Undoubtedly, urban life brings complex problems that interact to influence the quality of human life. In response to these issues, holistic recommendations for improving the quality of life based on multidisciplinary approach are highly needed. In this conference, scientists and practitioners from various disciplines (psychology, anthropology, sociology, economic, medical, engineering, architecture, etc) concerned with urban problems are encouraged to share and to discuss ideas.



Prof. Dr. H. Haryono, M.Ps.

Nowadays, we face complex and confusing problems surround us. If we try to take a glimpse to the condition of the environment where we live then we will know that the obstacles in our lives now are different with the condition we had several years ago. As people try to make some improvements in their lives, the other parts of the community may be still left behind. Either they do not have the chance to improve or they have the chance but

they fail to fulfill the improvement they want in their lives. The problem increases together with the increasing people's expectation of the quality of life. All those problems mostly deal with education, health and social life. We value all those three things as the judgment points whether we are facing a certain problem or we are doing fine.



Prof. Dr. Haryono, M.Ps.

Today is a special day. We celebrate the 25th anniversary of the faculty of Psychology Surabaya University. It is not such a coincidence that we picked up "improving the quality of human life in urban area" to become the theme of the conference. As a growing city, Surabaya, like many cities elsewhere, experiences huge complex problems related to education, health, industry, and providing healthy settlements for its inhabitants. It needs our serious and active participation to propose alternative solutions based on academic research across disciplines.

This conference is in advance to enhance the vision of the Faculty of Psychology University of Surabaya, to be an excellent educational institution in psychology based on scientific endeavor and to apply life values in managing urban problems.



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