
PREFACE

The first International Conference on rural development was held on December 15, 2020 via Zoom Webinar Universitas Muhammadiyah Jember (online) due to the pandemic. ICRD 2020 aims to bring together leading academic and industry researchers, scientists, engineers and practitioners to exchange research and service ideas, methods, results and share the latest experiences, on all theoretical, experimental and applied aspects of the Social and Exact field. ICRD 2020 will provide a unique interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary forum for researchers, practitioners, and educators to present and discuss innovations, trends, practical challenges faced, and smart solutions adopted in the social and exact fields of rural development.

At this conference, there were research and service papers carried out by several researchers from various institutions and universities, which were presented in parallel oral sessions. In addition, the committee also presented four keynote speakers, namely Prof. Drs. ec. Ir. Riyanarto Sarno, M.Sc, Ph.D (Ten November Institute of Technology, Indonesia), Dr. Emy Kholifah R., M.Si (University of Muhammadiyah Jember, Indonesia), Prof. Habibullah Magsi, Ph.D (Sind Agricultural University, Pakistan) and Prof. Dr. Kittisak Jermstiparsert, (Henan University of Economics and Law, China).

We would like to thank everyone involved for the success of the conference, especially to the organization's staff, program committee members and reviewers. They work very hard to review all papers and provide valuable suggestions for authors to improve their research. In addition, we would also like to thank the external reviewers who provided extra assistance with the review process, and the authors who contributed their research to this conference.

The conference, the first of its kind, provided a forum for researchers and scientists to communicate their latest developments and present their original results in the social and exact fields of village development. We hope that the experience of the 2020 participants is fruitful and can be remembered for a long time.

We hope to see you all again at the next conference.