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## **Foreword from Editor**

This edition of AJCE focuses on three main objectives of community engagements, running under the theme of literacy, creative innovation, and resilience. Covering these objectives, this edition consists of three research articles and five case-based articles written by authors from multi-nationalities. These authors' expertise spans across fields and industries, from communications, journalism, nursing, and economics; demonstrating various means of engaging with society informed by their respective backgrounds.

The first objective aims to construct better literacy in society, focusing on literacy learning activities, or new media and literacy skills needed in the digital age. Opening the discussion, **Eno-Obong Blaise Akpan and Tordue Simon Targema** explore a more grassroots existence of mass mobilization using social media, employing such a platform of information as a form of community activism. These articles demonstrate the various importance of engaging the community's literacy; by crafting materials, enhancing skills, and enabling different roles of literacy to better their quality of life. The next two articles address more current literacy skills required for the digital age. **Arba'iyah Satriani, Andalusia Neneng Permatasari, and Firmansyah** discuss the training for handling disinformation among specific members of the community such as journalists. The other article by **Laela Hikmah Nurbatra, Masyhud, and Hartono's** outline the community engagement activities conducted in collaboration with a local non-formal literacy institution. The collaboration aims to generate literacy materials that integrate life skills education and English language education for children's needs.

The second objective of this edition focuses on the creative innovation happening across industries. **Wahyu Anggo, Ria Suryani, Roni Maryana, Dwi Joko Prasetyo, Diah Pratiwi, Yuli Ary Ratnawati, Dini Ariani, and Andri Suwanto** discuss community engagement activities that aim to introduce manufacturing technologies to aid small food

businesses in processing their byproducts waste into other useful products. Another article by **Nasruddin, Yusuf Donner Dwiyantama, Banu Muhammad, Anom Bowalaksono, Dian Ayubi, and Sarah Islamiati Pertiwi** explore urban farming to increase economy, educational, and nutritional value for the benefit of the society. The introduction of urban farming introduces not only the designing and construction of the greenhouse but also planting and maintaining techniques. **Kusuma Wardhani Mas'udah, Radissa Dzaky Issafira, Nur Aini Fauziyah, Euis Nurul Hidayah** introduce the digital tools for designing batik and web-based publishing media to expedite the entrepreneur skill of students in Islamic boarding school. The discussions in these articles demonstrate potential ways of enabling innovation, be it through the introduction of technologies, and skills in producing and managing products, impacting not only the communities but also their environments.

The third objective of this edition expands further on the strategies for building a community's resilience, particularly the ones impacted by the pandemic. Some of these strategies are health-related, as indicated in the work of **Ikbal Fradianto, Arief Andriyanto, Nur Akbar, and Bahtiar** on community engagement which enhances handwashing knowledge among school-age children. Another strategy is more economically driven, explored by **Nurul Hidayah, Lucky Nugroho, Harry Suharman, and Anees Janee Ali** in their bookkeeping workshops for micro and small entrepreneurs. Some important lessons are being learned by providing the required knowledge and skills to create a more resilient community against changes presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, which is the increasing health risk for vulnerable members of society, as well as the need to shift from traditional economic platforms to digital ones.

Investigations on literacy, creative innovation, and resilience reflect the important qualities needed in navigating communities counter to current regional and global economic, environmental, and health conditions. It is our hope that the articles presented

in this volume shed light on the vital issues, means, and techniques of bettering communities across different contexts. These means and techniques serve as the response to health, economic, cultural, and environmental challenges, enhancing the impacts manifested from these community engagements.

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