

## OPENING ADDRESS

### EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I am deeply honored to have all of you in our first JESSD Symposium. The first International Symposium of Earth, Energy, Environmental Science, and Sustainable Development is slightly different than the previous year's symposium or conference due to the current pandemic. Each year, humanity and our future generations are facing some new challenges. Hence, this event is the first symposium covering numerous subjects ranging from the broad earth science, energy, and environmental science, to more specific topics on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the special issues of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and Community Engagement for Better Environment. We are aware of our current situation. We also realize that a virtual setup of the symposium will not provide the same experience as an onsite symposium. We decided to run this event virtually to reduce waste and greenhouse emissions and break barriers in information sharing.

We invited some prominent speakers from many regions and beyond to provide, examine, and exchange a wide range of environmental issues and solutions. We invited world-class speakers and editors worldwide.

I would like to express my deep gratitude to all keynotes, committees, and reviewers for their time and hard work that have made this symposium a success, especially during this challenging time. I would also like to thank Bank Rakyat Indonesia (BRI), PT Unilever Indonesia Tbk, and PT Larus Birus Utama for sponsoring our event and to APIKI Indonesia Network (Jaringan Ahli Perubahan Iklim dan Kehutanan Indonesia) and BMKG (Badan Meteorologi, Klimatologi, dan Geofisika) for our joined session.

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