

## **Welcome Speech : Dean of Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Science, Universitas Negeri Gorontalo**

Assalamu'alaikum Warohmatullahi Wabarokatuh

First of all, let us express our gratitude to the presence of Allah SWT who has bestowed various blessings on us all. One of the blessings we feel is the health benefits so that we can hold an International Conference and AMLI Meeting at Universitas Negeri Gorontalo.

The Covid-19 pandemic has created mega-dimensional problems. This pandemic has significantly caused problems for all walks of life, all ethnic groups, religions, nations, and even all areas of human life. However, there are some lessons that can be learned behind this mega-disaster of this pandemic. One of the lessons is that in the world of education, all teachers/lecturers are required to organize online learning or blended learning. It seems that blended learning will still be carried out by teachers, it will even become a trend of learning modes in the upcoming post-Covid-19 pandemic. The practicality, efficiency, and effectiveness obtained in blended learning are the main reasons for the use of blended learning in the future.

Theme of The International Conference is "Upgrading Innovation Learning and Research in Mathematics, Science, And Education for Community Empowerment", will of course be beneficial for the development of mathematics and science in the future. This international conference must be able to encourage researchers and educational practitioners in the fields of Mathematics and Natural Sciences to mix this field, so that it is easily understood by students in the classroom, able to conduct research, and implement the appropriate technology.

Next, allow me to express my appreciation and gratitude to the Chair of the Committee and all levels of the International Conference committee who have prepared for this activity. Finally, I would like to thank you for your participation in the International Conference organized by FMIPA Universitas Negeri Gorontalo with the hope that it will provide enlightenment for us, especially those who are always involved in research, learning and applications in the field of Mathematics and Natural Sciences in social life.

Wassalamu'alaikum Warohmatullahi Wabarokatuh

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