

The Governor of South Sulawesi Province



Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh,

Distinguished Mayor of Makassar City
Distinguished Rector of University of Hasanuddin,
Distinguished Guest Speakers,
Ladies and gentlemen,

To open my welcome speech, I would like to quote one traditional song from local thiribe, Makassar or Macassan

.... The wind blows -**Angging Mammiri**.

.....It brings along a peaceful atmosphere- **Angging anggerang dinging-dinging**

That's a piece of an old and traditional song from this island. It remarks the beauty of this island, the politeness of the people.

And relating to that, on behalf of the people of South-Sulawesi and with all my sincerity, please allow me to great all of you, guest speakers, for coming all the way here.

I would like also to show my thanks to those who have dedicated their time and effort in organizing this international event, the Department of Electrical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, University of Hasanuddin Makassar. This university is well-known as the biggest university in eastern region of Indonesia which plays a pivotal role in education system in the area.

As the governor of South Sulawesi Province, I'd like to mention a brief history of Makassar.

In the early sixteenth century, Makassar was the dominant trading center of eastern Indonesia, and soon became one of the largest cities in Southeast Asia. The Makassarrese kings maintained a policy of free trade, insisting on the right of any visitor to do business in the city, and rejecting the attempts of the Dutch to establish a monopoly over the city. Further, tolerant religious attitudes meant that even as Islam became the dominant faith in the region, Christians and others were still able to trade in the city. With these attractions, Makassar was a key center for Malays working in the Spice Islands trade, as well as a valuable base for European and Arab traders from much further field.

In terms of the transportation, Makassar has a public transportation system called 'pete-pete'. A pete-pete (known elsewhere in Indonesia as angkot) is a mini-bus that has been modified to carry passengers. The route of Makassar's pete-petes is denoted by the letter on the windshield. Makassar is famous for their "becak" (pedicab) which is relatively smaller than the "becak" in the island of Java. In Makassar, people who drive pedicab are called Daeng. Because so many pedicabs are in Makassar, the city has been nicknamed "Kota Daeng" or the city of Daengs. The city airport is Hasanuddin International Airport which is actually located outside the Makassar city administration area. It is formally located in the regency of Maros. In addition to "becak" and "pete-pete", the city has a government-run bus system, and taxis.

We also have the history on the first contact with Australia. As Makassar is a major fishing center in Sulawesi. It is well-known with its major industries, the trepang (sea cucumber) industry. Trepang fishing brought the Makassar people into contact with the Yolngu people of Northern Australia.

And the last but not least is the Makassar traditional food. The most famous is Coto Makassar. It is a stew made from the mixture of nuts and spices with beef parts which include beef brain, tongue and intestine. In addition, Makassar is the home of pisang epe, or pressed bananas. These are bananas which are pressed, grilled, and covered with palm sugar sauce and sometimes eaten with Durian. Many street vendors sell pisang epe, especially around the area of Losari beach.

Excellencies,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen!

I would like to quote the theme of the workshop which is research issue related with the title of the workshop **“The First International Workshop on Modern Research Methods in Electrical Engineering 2009 (IWoRMEE ’09 pronounced: aiworm-ii zero nine)”**.

This theme has a strong relationship with one of our vision and mission in education which is the creation of a conducive atmosphere for education that is relevant with the development of science and technology, which in turn, will forge human quality development.

Since this workshop will involve with several nasional invited speakers and several keynote speakers from overseas and we believe that they are people that have capabilities, the conference and workshop will be fruitful in stimulating and sharing ideas and knowledge. Hence, a wider view on research-based knowledge.

At the end, closing my speech, I would like to wish that the workshop will bring most fruitful days of interesting; and stimulating discussions and sharing of ideas, thought and knowledge.

Thank you.

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