

# The Mayor of Makassar City

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a pleasure to welcome you all to the First International Workshop on Modern Research Methods in Electrical Engineering (IWORMEE) 2009 at Makassar. Also, I would like to thank the event organizer, in particular the Electrical Engineering Department of UNHAS, which has made great efforts to make this Workshop possible.

As the Major of Makassar, I'd like to state a brief description of the history of Makassar.

Makassar, formerly Ujungpandang, city (1990 pop. 944,685), SW Sulawesi, capital of Sulawesi Selatan prov., Indonesia. The largest city in Sulawesi, it is one of Indonesia's important seaports, a distribution and transshipment point for goods from Europe and Asia. Exports include coffee, teas, spices, copra, rubber, rattan, and gums and resins. The city is also a commercial center, with a large central market. Industries include the manufacture of cement and paper and the assembly of automobiles. Latest workout in Makassar is to make transformation into Cybercity.

Research for development of Makassar City is my great expectation that it will be discussed in the workshop.

Have a wonderful and invigorating three days. I am looking forward to seeing you at all the meetings and activities.