

Editors' Introduction

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We hope this journal will enhance scientific cultural life on individual KPTIP member campuses as well as among the several local and international universities comprising KPTIP. This consortium is striving to have an accredited journal, drawing on the dedication and loyalty to scientific inquiry of those working in member higher education institutions. We carry a responsibility to disseminate and share knowledge with general and academic audiences, thereby building the intellectual life of higher education in Indonesia and abroad.

The scientific journal in your hands now is focused on the field of higher education to conform with our working environment and

innovation efforts that are pillars of human development and scientific endeavor. Now that this first volume is complete, we encourage readers to submit their work for publication consideration. We also welcome advice and suggestions to improve this journal in terms of content, layout, and scope.

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