

## **PREFACE**

On behalf of the Institute for Population and Social Research as the host, please allow me to extend our warm welcome to all the participants of the International Conference on Applied Science and Health (ICASH) to Mahidol University Salaya, the Wisdom of the Land. Our institute has been established for almost 45 years, since we were known as the Center of Population and Social Research under the Faculty of Public Health, Mahidol University, Phayatai Campus and changed to be “**Institute for Population and Social Research**” in 14 November 1971.

To date, we have been adhering to our aim to lead Institute with Quality and Morality, we remain the ambitious of our goal to foster our Institute to be a prominent and renowned research Institute. The achievement of the outstanding of research qualities, teaching, training and the expertise of our staff in the fields of Population and Social Sciences have been recognized at National and International levels, this allowing us to become one of the leading research Institutes in Asia. Our work is adherent to the common interest of the people as a whole and continuingly fond engaging with IPSR symbolic beloved cultures.

We are honor to host the International Conference on Applied Science and Health (ICASH) as a joint conference between the Institute for Population and Social Research Mahidol University Thailand and Doctoral Program in Public Health Science, Diponegoro University Indonesia and Universitas ‘Aisyiyah Yogyakarta, Indonesia. The conference aims to exchange the knowledge and experiences among experts, practitioners, professionals and students from three parties, and also to extend the networks between two countries. It is expected, the output of the conference will enrich the body of knowledge in applied science and health-related field, and also to provide evidence-based studies to direct the government and policy makers in designing strategic planning for the future growth and development of the regions.

We would like to extend our appreciation to Indonesian Scholar’s Alliance as the organizing committee of the conference, who have been working with our Institute’s staff to make today’s event possible. More importantly, to all speakers and participants who willing to share their knowledge and expertise for our better society.

Lastly, I wish you a joyful conference, and have a pleasant stay in Thailand!

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