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TRAINING OF TRAINERS WORKSHOP
“Library Portal Content Enrichment through Open Educational Resources”.

Welcoming Remarks

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The distinguished delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen

Good morning. Welcome to Yogyakarta!

On behalf of Universitas Gadjah Mada I would like to extend my warm welcome to all of you to Universitas Gadjah Mada at Bulaksumur Campus, particularly to UGM Library. It is of great honor that this year UGM has been appointed to be the host of the 15th meeting of Libraries of ASEAN University Network. Following the meeting is a Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop with the topic “**Library Portal Content Enrichment through Open Educational Resources**”.

As we all understand that the need for information resources that support learning, education, research, and community services at higher education institutions is changing and growing. Individual institutions and their libraries may not be able to suffice all of their user needs, despite high commitment to budget allocation. Out there, with the advancement of communication technology, Internet and the growing spirit of sharing there are various open educational contents that could be used and re-used legally. Libraries with limited resources and contents can make the best use of the available resources through their portals, providing alternative resources accessible ubiquitously.

There are 37 delegates from 21 institutions in 7 countries who come for the workshop. Unable to be with us today are those from National University of Laos, University of Mandalay, University of Yangon, Yangon University of Economics, Can Tho University, University of Vietnam (Hanoi), and University of Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh City). The learning objectives of the workshop are that the participants will be able to demonstrate knowledge on OER and copyright issues related to OER; learn best practice of OER utilization program initiative and development; identify and search for OER relevant to their library user needs; and develop a proposal for library portal content enrichment project using open educational resources available on the Internet. I hope all of you will have productive discussions and remarkable moments during the workshop and have new insights that could enhance individual as well as professional development.

In this good opportunity I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to the resource persons/facilitators Dr. Taufiq Abdul Gani, S.Kom, M.Eng.Sc. from Universitas Syiah Kuala and Ms. Melody Chin from Singapore Management University for the availability to be the facilitator of the workshop, for the contribution and sharing experience.

The day following the workshop will be a cultural visit to **Borobudur Temple**, the world’s largest Buddhist Temple that has been recognized as a memory of the world by the UNESCO. I hope all of you will enjoy the visit.

Finally, I wish you great success and benefit for your attendance to the workshop. I do hope you will also enjoy your stay in Yogyakarta. Thank you.