

PREFACE

Alhamdulillah. Thank you to the presence of Allah SWT who has blessed us all. *Shalawat* and greetings, we always give to our lord the great prophet Muhammad SAW.

This event was born out of concern for various conditions. Where is the era of milineum with internet technology in such away. Until the free market with easy access in various fields. The consequence is to bring about major changes in all fields of culture, values, and community norms, the education system, and so on. Which will more or less have an impact on the patterns of behavior and human life itself. So it is not uncommon for the mindset to have inappropriate behavior. As a result of the inability of adaptation to harmonize self-development with developments that occur in various aspects of life. So, the threat to our psychological condition as humans, which should be a condition of feeling, creativity and initiative, also continues to roll. It is very worrying, this is evident in the exposure of the phenomenon that surfaced. As more and more mental rehabilitation centers have sprung up, both private and government-run. From the orphanage to the Mental Hospital. This shows that there is no change in the number or no reduction in the prevalence of patients with psychological or mental disorders. As a result of the many problems that cannot be overcome, causing stress and frustration that are at risk of experiencing other more severe psychological disorders.

At present the National Emotional Mental Disorder (GME) has a prevalence of 6.0% or absolutely more than 10 million people. As for National Mental Disorders (Schizophrenia) there are 0.17% of the population or in absolute terms there are 400 thousand inhabitants. In rural areas, the proportion of households with at least one household member experiencing severe mental illness and having been put on hold reached 18.2 percent. While in urban areas, the proportion only reached 10.7 percent. And overall there are around 26 million people worldwide experiencing Schizophrenia (bps.go.id).

In addition to the background above, this event is actually also one of our efforts in the framework of developing Islamic Guidance and Counseling. Where currently this field of science has not yet gotten a free place in the community. This can be seen from the reality in the field. Many agencies or industries and organizations do not know and employ graduates of this program. Though logically, if there are still humans on this earth, counseling is always needed. Starting from rehabilitation centers, companies, public and private institutions and every field of life actually requires the existence of people who understand counseling, especially Islamic counseling. For example in the company, then ideally in the Human Resource Development Unit the need for multi-discipline (there are psychologists, legal consultants, counselors, management and other experts), as well as other agencies. So you can say Islamic counseling is without limits, can be applied anywhere.

This in the first international conference held by our study program which invited speakers from various countries and also fulfilled by the presentations from call for paper presenters from various university in the

country. The conference will speak about four sub-themes: a) Understanding Islamic Guidance and Counseling, b) Best Practice in Islamic Guidance and Counseling, c) Best Practice in Islamic Guidance and Counseling, and 4) Islamic Guidance and Counseling in Distruption Era.

I would like to express my appreciation to Mr. Prof. Drs. KH. Yudian Wahyudi, M.A., Ph.D as a keynote speaker. Secondly, express my appreciation for plenary speakers Mr. Nizeyumukiza Emmanuel, M.Sc (from Burgundy, East Africa), Mr. Nanang Erma Gunawan, M.Ed. (Lecturer in Guidance and Counseling Yogyakarta State University), and Mr. Md Noor Bin Saper, Ph.D. (President of The Syar'i Counseling Malaysia). Thank you for your willingness to be present among us to share knowledge and share information and experiences. Right, I respect all present invitations. Starting from Dean of Da'wah and Communication Faculty, Vice Dean I, II, and III, and Head of Communication and Islamic Broadcasting Department, Da'wah Management Department, Social Welfare Department, and Islamic Development Society Department. As well as what I respect to all International Conference on Islamic Guidance and Counseling participants, especially the paper presenters who have entrusted their articles to us and are willing to attend and participate in the success of the Study Program of Islamic Guidance and Counseling this time.

Finally, I would like to thank all parties, the committee such us Sunan Kalijaga Islamic Counseling and Guidance Family/ KEKOPI-SUKA, Volunteer of Islamic Guidance and Counseling Laboratory, Assistant Counselor for Islamic Counseling Clinic, and Student Board Association of Islamic Guidance and Counseling) who have worked hard, all lecturers at Islamic Guidance and Counseling Department and Faculty of Da'wah and Communication, special for Indonesian Islamic Guidance and Counseling Expert Association or Perkumpulan Ahli Bimbingan dan Konseling Indonesia (PABKI) and all parties that I cannot mention one by one have contributed to the success of this event. And I apologize if in the agenda of this activity, there are still shortcomings and mistakes. I hope that you enjoy this fruitful conference.

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