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*Assalamu 'alaikum Wr.Wb.*

I'd like to start by saying *Alhamdulillahirrabbi 'alamin*, thanks to Allah for allowing us to be here to have An International Conference on Teaching English as A Foreign Language. I wish to thank the Rector of Muhammadiyah University of Purwokerto: DR. H. Syamsuhadi Irsyad for giving us licence to drive this conference. I wish to thank and congratulate the committee that has been working hard to prepare this activity; it must be happiness for all of us that the d-day of the conference finally comes. I also wish to thank all the keynote speakers: Prof. Dr. Bambang Kaswanti Purwo from Catholics University of Atma Jaya, Jakarta; DR. Jufrizal, M.Hum from State University of Padang; Dr. Furqonul Aziz, M.Pd from Muhammadiyah University of Purwokerto; all of them have spent their time, their idea, all the best they have to help us, -selecting the abstracts, and sparing their time to share their *idnngere*. I wish to thank the presenters here; you are the chosen from *thm an ho* have sent their abstracts. I wish to thank all the participants, without you this conference is not colorful.

We are here at the first International Conference on Teaching English as A Foreign International Language. We held the conference since teaching English in our country a crucial matter, as we think it also happens in other countries that English is not their mother tongue, or even countries with many comers whose first language is not English. Not only the problems faced by English teachers, but also the governors, the scientists from any disciplines and everybody who cares. The point is: whoever is here are the persons who care.

Ladies and gentlemen, a single glance at the character that we show as the mascot of the conference here is *Bawor*. His full name is *Carub Bawor*, -both words mean the same: mixture. An

inseparable mixture of cultural assimilation from many styles of the development of *wayang kulit* or puppet arts from some regions: Surakarta, Yogyakarta (Mataraman), Kedu, Pasisiran, Sunda, etc. In here, we are from some different countries who gather to assimilate our ideas on Teaching English as A Foreign Language.

Bawor, according to the story, was not born, but was created to accompany *Sanghyang Ismaya*, a Goddess that turns to be *Semar*, known later as Bawor's father. He is the brother of *Nala Gareng* and *Petruk*. *Bawor*, or in Yogyakarta and Solo known as *Bagong* or in Sunda as *Cepot* or *Kacepot*, known together with *Semar*, *Gareng* and *Petruk*, are usually called *punakawan*. From the words "*pana*" that means know and understand clearly and "*kawan*" that means good friends. *Punakawan* aims at struggling against all the evils on earth. We hope that we who gather here can be good friends that know and understand each other well and we can defend all the immoral.

In Banyumas region, where Purwokerto, the city we are now in, *Bawor* is its mascot. Banyumas society live traditional life, as common people, not as that part of the high level who are descendants from the kingdoms. To mention some characteristics of the common people are: honest, *nrima ing pandum* or receive all they get cheerfully and *cablaka* or say honestly what is in mind. We hope by having the conference here we can be simply honest, cheerful and dare to express our opinion.

The fact that the participants of our first Conference on CoTEFL here are not only from Indonesia but also from India, Malaysia, Iran, and Thailand reminds me of how Banyumas culture develops. Banyumas culture is an assimilation of Javanese and Sudanese culture, which gets influence from the culture of Hindu-Buddha, of Islam as well as from Western Culture. As now the participants from many areas of the world, let us color the conference with flying colors.

I wish you a fruitful and successful conference.

Thank you.

*Wassalamu 'alaikum Wr.Wb.*

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