In November last year we held the Rectors and Deans Forum in Bandung, Indonesia. This Bandung Conference was a kind of a milestone which I was proud to mark; however, it also made me realize how far we have come starting from scratch, and I greatly appreciate the support of the ABEST21 members which made ABEST21 what it is today. This 2019 is the year to show the results of the discussion at the Rectors and Deans Forum in Bandung, Indonesia that was held in November 2018. We aim to further develop the accreditation activities, to create educational and research environment in cooperation with universities to meet the diversity in Asia as well as globalization, and to work on nurturing of management professionals to meet the needs of the 21st Century through quality assurance of educational and research activities. I ask for your kind support and cooperation.

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