

### Remarks from the Chair of LSC

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This year's Literary Studies Conference (LSC) collaborates with the Association for the Study of Literature and Environment in ASEAN (ASLEASEAN) and addresses a timely topic: Literary Narratives, Climate Change, and Social Inequality: ASEAN Perspectives. The collaboration marks the keen and serious attention to both the discourse about nature and the social & political practices that emerged from it. It also widens the networks of scholars, researchers, and practitioners sharing similar concerns about planetary ecological issues impacting the environment. Thus, the organizing committee expresses its profound gratitude for this collaboration.

The organizing committee would also like to extend its gratitude to the plenary speakers, moderators, presenters and participants for their enthusiasm in participating in this conference. This year, the organizing committee received high-quality research articles and abstracts from various regions, such as Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, India, China, Taiwan, the Philippines, Pakistan, the United Kingdom, Singapore, Bangladesh, and the United States of America. They signify the importance of addressing this year's themes within academic discourse. Furthermore, the exchanges, in both the online and onsite sessions of the conference, might enrich the effort in comprehending the environmental issues and in formulating contextual solutions from ASEAN perspectives.

On behalf of the organizing committee, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the participants attending and participating in the conference. Hopefully, the conference provides you with valuable memories and experiences.

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