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PREFACE

Welcome to the official website of International Conference on Religion and Public Civilization held by the Graduate Program of Maluku Indonesian Christian University (UKIM) in Ambon, eastern part of Indonesia. This was the first international conference by UKIM as a challenge for responding about the sustainability of peace building after the terrific socio-religious conflict around five years (1999-2005). The impact of conflict still influences inter-religious relations in Ambon/Maluku even though people had more awareness to keep peace efforts among them. Therefore, efforts to construct discourses on peace and public civilization in Indonesia should be continuously driven so that it becomes positive and progressive learning process, especially among Indonesian/Maluku youth groups.

On the basis of such consideration, this conference aims to analyze the reality of religions on public spheres in Indonesia/Maluku from different scientific perspectives by scholars whose interdisciplinary expertise both from Indonesia and abroad. It is driven by the reality that Indonesian society nowadays is forced by many politicization of religious symbols and the vulnerable position of religion in political games. The main concern of the conference is to present critical analyses about the theme that, in turn, it would be published for wider audiences, discussed by more groups of people and as a document for reconstructing inclusively religious education curriculum to empower capacity building of civil society for managing plurality and potential conflict in the multicultural society of Indonesia.

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