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Foreword From the Editor in Chief

November 2022, Pekanbaru, Indonesia



Dear readers,

I am delighted to welcome you to the third issue of Utamax: Journal of Ultimate Research and Trends in Education. I would like to express my gratitude to all the Editorial Board members, reviewers, and members of LITA, as well as the contributing authors for their tireless efforts in creating Volume 4 No. 3 of Utamax journal. The current issue of Utamax includes seven papers written by authors from four different countries (Philippine, Indonesia, Pakistan and Bangladesh), each

offering unique perspectives and insights into practical and scientific key issues in education.

In the first paper, Kathleen Seth F. Farillon, Leah Mae F. Farillon, and Eulalia F. Farillon from the Philippines delve into the relationship between computer game addiction and class performance among selected senior high school students. The study aimed to determine the level of computer game addiction among students and its impact on their academic performance. The authors found that there was a significant difference in the level of class performance when senior high school students were grouped according to gender. Specifically, there was a negative correlation between computer game addiction and class performance, indicating that students who are addicted to computer games have lower academic performance. This study highlights the importance of monitoring students' computer game addiction and its potential impact on their academic performance.

The second paper, authored by Mesta Limbong and Jitu Halomoan Lumbantoruan from Indonesia, examines the effect of government teacher certification on teaching performance. The study aimed to determine whether certified teachers have better teaching performance than uncertified teachers. The authors found that there is an effect of teacher certification on teaching performance, although the difference between certified and uncertified teachers is not significant. This suggests that teacher certification may not be the only factor affecting teaching performance, and other factors, such as experience and teaching methods, may also play a role.

The third paper, written by Eko Prastyo and Dylmoon Hidayat, also from Indonesia, explores the factors that affect lecturer's organizational commitment and job satisfaction. The study aimed to determine the impact of workload assignments on lecturers' organizational commitment to the organization. The authors found that leaders in higher education need to manage proportional and fair workload assignments to increase lecturers' organizational commitment to the organization. This study highlights the importance of workload management in higher education and its impact on job satisfaction and organizational commitment among lecturers.

The fourth paper, authored by Novhira Putri Paino and Trisnawati Hutagalung from Indonesia, explores the use of Animaker web to develop biographical texts through audio-visual teaching materials for high school students. The study suggests that this technology can be an effective tool for teachers to motivate and improve students' skills in the era of education in the 21st century. The authors emphasize the importance of using technology to create a new learning atmosphere and to enhance students' engagement and understanding of the material. The

fifth paper, authored by Abidin Pammu, Rezza Dewintha, and Mutia Sari Nursafira, also from Indonesia,

investigates university students' perceptions of extensive reading intervention. The study aimed to determine the

effectiveness of extensive reading as a teaching approach in encouraging learners to read as much as they can to

gain fluency in reading in any foreign language. The authors found that students had a positive perception of

extensive reading and recognized its benefits in improving their language skills.

The sixth paper, written by Faidah Yusuf and Ameer Ali, explores students' perception of using live worksheets

in listening skill as self-directed learning in online education. The study aimed to investigate the advantages of

using live worksheets for both teachers and students in an online education setting. The authors suggest that live

worksheets can provide interesting and engaging learning experiences while also supporting self-directed

learning and helping students achieve their learning outcomes. The seventh and final paper, authored by

Mahmudul Hassan from Bangladesh, provides a critical review of Krashen's Monitor in L2 Acquisition. The

paper proposes a unique finding that Stephen Krashen's theories, collectively known as the Monitor Model, have

made substantial contributions to the fields of language learning and writing. The author highlights the

importance of Krashen's ideas, such as comprehensible input and the affective filter, in improving language

acquisition among learners.

Overall, these papers offer valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities facing education today, from

the use of technology in the classroom to the effectiveness of teaching approaches and the impact of workload

management on job satisfaction among lecturers. These studies contribute to ongoing discussions about how to

improve teaching and learning practices in the 21st century, and highlight the importance of continued research

and innovation in the field of education.

As Editor-in-Chief of Utamax, I extend my gratitude to all authors for their excellent contributions. Each issue

provides valuable reports and articles for educational research, and we welcome authors from around the world

to submit manuscripts on key issues in education. I invite academia, researchers, and practitioners of teaching

and learning to explore the latest issue of Utamax, an international, peer-reviewed, open-access journal

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