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Foreword

It is with great pride and excitement that I welcome the publication of this double issue of *Wacana, Journal of the Humanities of Indonesia*, with the theme "Indonesian heritage and library collections". This special publication is the result of an international cooperation between *Wacana* – the journal of the Faculty of Humanities, Universitas Indonesia, KITLV-Jakarta, and a researcher from the University of Melbourne who specializes in the fields of history, heritage, and museum collections related to Indonesia. This collaboration also resulted in the organization of the international seminar with the same theme, held on 25 June 2019 at LIPI – the Indonesian Institute of Sciences.

The collaboration for this publication and seminar was inspired by the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the KITLV-Jakarta office in 2019. The close cooperation between the Faculty of Humanities and KITLV-Jakarta goes back a long way, from the time that the KITLV-Jakarta office was part of the KITLV (Koninklijk Instituut voor Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde/Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies) in Leiden. KITLV was established in 1851 and Indonesians usually associate the name KITLV with the large and comprehensive collection of data on Indonesia in the form of books, manuscripts, archives, photo albums, and other forms of documentation such as recordings, films, and drawings. Many Indonesian academics, including the researchers of our Faculty, visit Leiden for their study or research and to take advantage of the rich KITLV collection.

Since a few years, the KITLV collection and the KITLV-Jakarta office have been under the management of Leiden University. This opened up new possibilities for even broader cooperation. Besides the continued importance of the collection for Indonesian studies, new activities have been initiated based on an interdisciplinary approach. Not only is this relevant for the Faculty of Humanities of Universitas Indonesia, but it also involves the study and research within other faculties such as the Faculty of Law, Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, and the Faculty of Public Health.

At the Faculty of Humanities we fully support the collaboration undertaken

by *Wacana*. As an international peer-reviewed and Scopus-indexed journal, we have full confidence that the editorial board has achieved the ambition as stated in the vision and mission of the journal, namely, to bring the Indonesian scholarly landscape to the international academic arena.

We are very proud to see the work of our Indonesian academics who came through the peer review process for this publication. I want to take this opportunity to thank all authors for their contributions to this publication, and for sharing their expertise and the results of their research related to the theme of this edition.

I hope that this publication will serve as an inspiration for more Indonesian academics to share their knowledge through international journals.

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