

## Opening Speech by Rector ITS



When we talk about the maritime sector in the aspects of science and technology, there is no doubt that this is a multi-disciplinary domain. The utilization of the sea and the natural resources contained therein for the purpose of improving the Indonesian welfare is a very complex issue. This problem cannot be solved just by those who work in the maritime industry, but also by people in other disciplines, including industrial technology, energy, civil engineering, geomatics, architecture, environment and others.

Along with that, ITS with one of its marine vision has a focus to develop four areas, namely ship design, ship related system and other floating building, marine building construction and also management done to the marine transportation system. These four programs are the current national strategic issues within the government's framework for advancing the Indonesian marine world. Along with the ideas from Indonesian Government to start up a sustainable development for all the public nation, this year International Conference on Marine Technology (SENTA) theme will be about "Marine Technology for Sustainable Development" is very suitable for solving Indonesian's problem.

Therefore, I strongly support International Conference on Marine Technology (SENTA) to be a forum to exchange ideas, information, partnership in an effort to improve academic quality and increase contribution for the nation and state. I invite the active participation of academic institutions, research institutes, government agencies, maritime industry, manufacturing industry, shipping industry, and all maritime transport stakeholders to participate and succeed SENTA 2017.

Wish you a very useful conference !!

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