The Morris Rosenberg Foundation   Yogyakarta, February 26, 2019
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Dear Madam/Sir,

My name in Augustinus Supratiknya, male, and 64 years of age. I am a faculty member of the Faculty of Psychology, Sanata Dharma University, in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. I earned my doctoral degree in Psychology from the University of the Philippines Diliman in 1992.

I am conducting a research on the identity of the young people in Indonesia. Indonesia is a multi-ethnic nation. Having at least 633 indigenous ethnic groups. psychological research on ethnicity and ethnic identity is scarce in Indonesia. To start the study, I examined the usefulness of the *Multigroup Ethnic Identity Measure* (Phinney, 1992) to explore the Indonesian youth's ethnic identity in a research which was entitled 'Ethnic Identity: A Study of Construct Equivalence' (2018).

To examine the construct validity of the MEIM, the *Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale* (1965) was used as an external criterion. The two measures were adapted into the Indonesian language through *translation-backtranslation method.* The participants were 448 students aged 17-28 years (*Mean* = 19.87; *SD* = 1.30) of different ethnicities in a private university in Yogyakarta. Examination on the psychometric properties of the Indonesian version of the *Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale* showed that the items had discriminating power indices which ranged from r_{it} = -0.033 to 0.629 and as a whole they had an α = 0.762. One item (item 8) had a low and negative discriminating power index. This finding is consistent with that of a previous study involving respondents from 53 countries which showed that this item had a negative loading in five countries including Indonesia (Schmitt & Allik, 2005). Examination on the correlation between the Indonesian version of the MEIM and that of the *Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale* showed that the two measures correlated positively and significantly (r = 0.23; $p<0.01$). This finding is consistent with that of Phinney (1992) which showed that in college student samples the two measures correlated positively but moderatly (r = 0.25 ($p < 0.01$). The usefulness of the Indonesian version of the MEIM in examining the varying levels of ethnic identity in different samples of the Indonesian youth may be taken as an evidence of the usefulness of the Indonesian version of the *Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale* to explore the level of self-esteem in various samples of the Indonesian youth today.

Thank you for your attention and permission.

Sincerley yours,

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