



Peer-Review Statements

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All of the articles in this proceedings volume have been presented at the International Conference of Vocational Education, Applied Science and Technology (ICVEAST) 2026 during July 16 – 17, 2026 in Semarang, Central Java, Indonesia. These articles have been peer reviewed by the members of the Peer Review Committee and approved by the Editor-in-Chief, who affirms that this document is a truthful description of the conference's review process.

1. REVIEW PROCEDURE

The reviews were double blind. Each submission was examined by at least 2 – 3 reviewer(s) independently. The conference submission management system was Open Journal Systems (OJS).

<https://ojs.ppvui.id/index.php/icveast8th>

The editorial board conducted the initial review to evaluate the paper's quality and scope. Papers that were deemed unsuitable were rejected on the basis of their poor quality or their failure to meet the conference's scope. The paper was submitted for plagiarism and AI review if it was discovered to be within the conference's scope. Turnitin and Quillbot were implemented to conduct an exhaustive plagiarism and AI assessment. The review process was limited to papers that had a plagiarism and AI rate of less than 20%. Papers that contained plagiarism and AI exceeding 20% were returned to the authors for further review and revision. Upon satisfactory completion of the plagiarism check, each paper was assigned to two to three reviewers. The papers were assigned to the reviewers based on their qualifications and areas of expertise. A double-blind review process was implemented. The authors and reviewers' identities were concealed. The final decision regarding the paper's acceptance was determined by the decision criteria of 2-3 reviewers, which were chosen from the following categories: Accepted without revision, Accepted with minor revision, Accepted with major revision, and Rejected. The review process was repeated for the papers that had undergone significant revisions. Additionally, the team will make sure that the manuscript is resubmitted with the minor revisions included.

2. QUALITY CRITERIA

Reviewers were instructed to assess the quality of submissions solely based on the academic merit of their content along the following dimensions:

1. Relevance of the article's content to the conference's scope and themes
2. The research's novelty, originality, and timeliness are clearly demonstrated.
3. The reliability of the methods, analyses, and results

All accepted papers underwent artificial intelligence (AI) text similarity checks using plagiarism detection in addition to peer review. In order to guarantee the uniqueness and integrity of the published proceedings, authors were obliged to make necessary revisions to their manuscripts before final acceptance in order to address similarity concerns.

3. KEY METRICS

<i>Total submissions</i>	80
<i>Number of articles sent for peer review</i>	76
<i>Number of accepted articles</i>	51
<i>Acceptance rate</i>	65%
<i>Number of reviewers</i>	6

The conference's peer-review process was used to process all submissions in compliance with Springer's editorial and ethical guidelines. The ratio of accepted articles to all submissions is used to calculate the acceptance rate.

4. COMPETING INTERESTS

Neither the Editor-in-Chief nor any member of the Scientific Committee declares any competing interest.

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