

Foreword

Welcome to the Fourth Issue of 2019 for the Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities (JSSH)!

JSSH is an open-access journal for studies in Social Sciences and Humanities published by Universiti Putra Malaysia Press. It is independently owned and managed by the university for the benefit of the world-wide science community.

This issue contains 43 articles; two case studies and the rest are regular articles. The authors of these articles come from different countries namely Malaysia, Japan, Jordan, Indonesia, Thailand, Pakistan, Iran, United Arab Emirates, Oman and Saudi Arabia.

A regular article entitled “An Integrative Framework of Environmental Education for Environmental Crisis Transformation” discussed about the integrative framework of environmental education based on the integral theory and worldviews of various stakeholders in Thailand. This study fills the gaps between various perspectives of environmental education and provides a shift from the reductionistic approach to a more holistic approach in addressing the world’s complex environmental crises. The detailed information of this article is presented on page 2475.

A selected regular paper from the scope of language and linguistics, entitled “Exploring medical terminology in Miyatake’s Malay-Japanese dictionary (1942)” discussed about the bilingual Malay-Japanese dictionaries. The semantic field studied in this article is medical terminology. Both the global tradition of Malay lexicography, and the methods and practices of lexicography in general were deliberated deeper from this research. Details of this study is available on page 2285.

Teoh Sian Hoon and the researchers summarized the factors that affect students’ motivation towards the ability to graduate on time (GOT) in their article, which entitled “Graduate on Time: A Case Study in Malaysia”. Both the supervisors and students perceived that it was important for supervisors to be competent in conducting research besides monitoring students’ progress, so that students were motivated to GOT. Further details of the study can be found on page 2417.

We anticipate that you will find the evidence presented in this issue to be intriguing, thought-provoking and useful in reaching new milestones in your own research. Please recommend the journal to your colleagues and students to make this endeavour meaningful.

All the papers published in this edition underwent Pertanika's stringent peer-review process involving a minimum of two reviewers comprising internal as well as external referees. This was to ensure that the quality of the papers justified the high ranking of the journal, which is renowned as a heavily-cited journal not only by authors and researchers in Malaysia but by those in other countries around the world as well.

In the last 12 months, of all the manuscripts processed, 33.08% were accepted. This seems to be the trend in Pertanika Journals for JSSH.

We would also like to express our gratitude to all the contributors, namely the authors, reviewers, Editor-in-Chief and Editorial Board Members of JSSH, who have made this issue possible. JSSH is currently accepting manuscripts for upcoming issues based on original qualitative or quantitative research that opens new areas of inquiry and investigation.

Special thanks to Professor Jayakaran Mukundan, the previous Editor in Chief for his contribution to Pertanika JSSH. His commitment and enthusiasm set a steady platform for future development of the journal. Pertanika wishes him well in his future endeavours.

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