Foreword

Welcome to the Third Issue of 2020 for the Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities (JSSH)!

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This issue contains 50 articles; 47 regular articles, 2 case studies, and a short communication. The authors of these articles come from different countries namely Brunei Darussalam, China, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Malaysia, Philippines, Nigeria Saudi Arabia, South Africa, and Thailand.

A regular article entitled "Dynamics of Ethnic Relations in Malaysia" sought to understand and affirm key factors that helped shape ethnic relations in a multi-cultural, ethnic, and religious Malaysia. This study shows diverse results in regard to many key factors in understanding cultural or religious diversities among students in three universities. The detailed information of this article is presented on page 1959.

I Putu Indra Kusuma dissected the effects of flipped classrooms with various technology tools on students' speaking performance and self-regulated learning (SRL) in his article, entitled "The Investigation of Flipped Classrooms on Students' Speaking Performance and Self-regulated Learning". The students taught by flipped classrooms had better speaking and SRL scores than their counterparts in the control group. Besides that, the students developed their SRL through three phases, with four possible implications for English Language Teaching. Further details of the study can be found on page 2027.

A selected article from the scope of anthropology, entitled "Toponym and Evocation of Cultural Landscape Heritage: A Case of an African Community" discussed how cultural landscapes toponym are conceptualised in the non-Western landscapes of Africa. The study shows that the toponym is tied to transactions that evoke identity, power, heritage, and sense of place. The uniqueness of each cultural landscape can evoke both the tangible and intangible cultural heritage of the communities. Details of this study are available on page 2427.

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.

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.

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