

Foreword

Welcome to the sixth issue of 2025 of the *Pertanika Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities (PJSSH)*!

PJSSH is an open-access journal for studies in the field of 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 25 regular articles. The authors of these articles come from different countries namely Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, and Thailand.

A regular article titled “Narrative Strategy and the Ethics of Power in the *Kresna Duta* Play: A Review of Surakarta Style Wayang Wong Performing Arts (Indonesia)” sought to investigate the narrative strategy and ethics of power in the *wayang wong* performance of the *Kresna Duta* play. The results reveal that the screenwriter (director) produced the play *Kresna Duta* based on the power of imagination, intuitive sensitivity, intellectuality, and understanding of cultural codes. The detailed information of this article is presented on page 2203.

An article entitled “Design of the CABAMath Application based on Fuzzy Delphi Method: Enhancing Mathematical Skills among Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder” explores design a creative arts-based mobile application (CABAMath) to improve mathematical skills for ASDs with level 1 severity based on DSM-IV. The findings reveal consensus on the CABAMath app’s objectives and content, including numerical abilities and understanding shapes and sizes. The instructional strategies for the app include simple games and reinforcement, as well as features for customisable skills and progress reports. Further details of the study can be found on page 2325.

Durga Prasad Samontaray and colleague investigate examines the relationship between corporate governance and the performance of financial institutions listed on the Saudi Stock Exchange from 2013 to 2022 using Tobin’s Q framework and a social science lens. This study examined governance attributes significantly shape outcomes. Notably, board size, director independence, and audit committee structure are associated with adverse effects, whereas institutional size acts

as a positive driver of performance in the Saudi financial sector. The detailed information of this article is presented on page 2549.

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, and Editorial Board Members of PJSSH, who have made this issue possible.

PJSSH 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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