

Foreword

Welcome to the **Third Issue 2015** of the Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities (JSSH)!

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This issue contains **13 articles**. The authors of these articles come from different countries, namely, **Britain, Nigeria, Turkey, Malaysia, Iran, Japan, India, Nepal and Thailand**.

The articles cover a wide range of topics, from a study investigating the relationship between the ownership structure of Malaysian public-listed companies and the choice of auditor based on ethnicity (*Asmuni, A.I.H., Nawawi, A. and Salin, A.S.A.P.*), a study examining the associations between spiritual intelligence and Machiavellianism as factors that influence waste-prevention behaviours among Malaysian University Students (*Samaneh Karbalaee, Abbas Abdollahi and Sabrina Abdullah*), a paper investigating the influence of foreigner-influenced architecture on the 'Neo-Mughal' or 'Moorish' style of design seen in Malaysian mosques of the colonial period (1800-1930) (*Maryam Kkhazae, Naziaty Yaacob, Zakaria Alcheikh Mahmoud Awad and Zuraini Binti Md Ali*), an assessment of the resource potential of Sal seeds, the existing market mechanism and its role in livelihood generation of rural communities in Kumaun Himalaya (*Pant, G. C.*), a study that identified the proportion of children who are orphans and their geographic distribution in Nepal (*Guragain, A.M., Choonpradub, C., Paudel, B.K. and Lim, A.*), to a research paper that explored efforts to prioritise mental health through securitisation and attempted to determine why such efforts are not successful in LAMICs regions, focusing on the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) as a case study (*Bunyavejchewin, P.*).

The remaining articles, on topics related to literature, education and language and linguistics, include an essay discussing the feminist other in Achebe's *Anthills of the Savannah* (*Muhammad Alkali, Rosli Talif and Jariah Mohd Jan*), a paper that examines Ted Hughes' portrayal of the relationship between mankind and nature in 'Remains of Elmet' and 'Moortown Diary' (*Sulaiman, M. Q.*), an article that proposed a practical framework for humanities departments to embed public engagement into departmental teaching programmes based on a case study of a course module run at a UK university (*Fiona Williamson*), a review that aimed at explaining how the academic resilience approach relates to cognitive task performance of Malaysian students (*Seffetullah Kuldas, Shahabuddin Hashim, Hairul Nizam Ismail and Mohd Ali Samsudin*), an article presenting the pioneering outcomes of a non-interventive ethnographic observation of a Semai musician's transmission of indigenous musical traditions using selected indigenous

musical instruments from his community (*Clare Chan Suet Ching and Valerie Ross*), a study examining the utility of explicit presentation of Arabic-origin Malay loanwords and their etymologies in teaching Malay as a foreign language to Arabic speakers (*Uni, K.*) and a study that investigated which mode of language games, paper-based or computer-based, can better expand the English vocabulary size of secondary school students especially at the 2000 word-level (*Letchumanan, K., Tan, B.H., Paramasivam, S., Md Rashid, S. and Muthusamy, P.*)

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

I would also like to express my gratitude to all the contributors who have made this issue possible, as well as the authors, reviewers and editors for their professional contribution. Last but not least, the editorial assistance of the journal division staff is also fully appreciated.

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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