

Foreword

Welcome to the Third 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 50 articles; two are review articles; three case studies; one conceptual paper; and the rest are regular articles. The authors of these articles come from different countries namely Australia, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Malaysia, Nigeria, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Thailand and United Arab Emirates.

Articles submitted in this issue cover various scopes of Social Sciences and Humanities including: accounting; architecture and habitat; arts and culture; economics; education; finance; language and linguistics; law; literature; management studies; philosophy; political sciences and public policy; population studies; psychology; religious studies; sociology; and sports.

Anna Christina Abdullah and researchers summarized the use of ICTE-Q as an instrument to measure the intercultural competence component of teacher education programmes in their article, which entitled “Assessing the Psychometric Properties of the Intercultural Competence in Teacher Education Questionnaire (ICTE-Q)”. The psychometric properties of the ICTE-Q was assessed using the Rasch Model analysis. Further details of the study can be found on page 1691.

A selected regular paper from the scope of arts and culture, entitled “The New Order Play: *Wayang* as a Medium for Development Messages, 1969–84” discussed about the relationship between the state and the performing arts in the transmission of political messages in Java during the New Order era. The New Order government was filled with Javanese culture and the economic development agenda was widely affected through *wayang* arts. Details of this study is available on page 2017.

A regular article entitled “Changes of Lower Limb Kinematics during 2000m Ergometer Rowing among Male Junior National Rowers” discussed about the kinematical variabilities that were observed across sections particularly in frontal and transverse planes of lower limb joints of rowers. The lower limb joint kinematics was compared across every 500m sections to evaluate its changes during 2000m rowing trial. The detailed information of this article is presented on page 2169.

We anticipate that you will find the evidences 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 (Prof. Ain Nadzimah Abdullah and Dr. Vahid Nimehchisalem), 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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