

Foreword

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

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This issue contains 47 articles; a review article, two case studies and the rest are regular articles. The authors of these articles come from different countries namely Malaysia, Japan, Phillipines, Indonesia, Thailand, Iran, Morocco, and India.

A regular article entitled “Defining Employment Discrimination in Malaysian Legal Context” discussed on the employment discrimination from the legal perspective. This study shows that discrimination at work indubitably results in inequality, unfairness, and diversity in the labour market outcomes and from the legal perspective, employment discrimination is against the principle of equality. The detailed information of this article is presented on page 379.

A selected regular paper from the scope of anthropology, entitled “Breast Cancer Etiologies Among Young Malay Breast Cancer Patients” discussed various factors associated with the onset of breast cancer symptoms among young Malay women. It is evident from the present study that young Malay informants had attributed their breast cancer illness to supernatural causes and non-supernatural causes. Details of this study are available on page 547.

Edwin Tan Leng Phil summarized the selected works from Nolan and the elements in his films that exhibit duality in his article, entitled “The Grey Area in a Black and White World – Duality in Christopher Nolan’s Films”. He perceived that the way that the theme of duality was tackled in the numerous pieces of literature and films left a lot to be admired and opened to analysis and interpretation. Further details of the study can be found on page 589.

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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