

## Foreword

Welcome to the Second Issue of 2020 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 review articles and the rest are regular articles. The authors of these articles come from different countries namely Malaysia, Japan, Indonesia, Singapore, Ghana, USA, Thailand, Belgium, Hungary, India and Oman.

Met'eb Ali Alnwairan dissected the master-slave dialectics in Carlos Bulosan's *America is in the Heart* (1947), in his article, entitled "Master-Slave Dialectics and the Evolution of the Self in Bulosan's *America is in the Heart*". He perceived that the study shed light on the evolution of the self-conscious, human individuality as a foundation of the individual's moral agency, based on the principles of Hegel's and Marx's dialectics. Further details of the study can be found on page 1277.

A selected review paper from the scope of religious studies, entitled "A Survey on Relevant Malaysian *Fatwā* about Cadaver Concerning Tissue Engineering Research" discussed about the *fatwā* in Malaysia regarding to the issue of tissue engineering research. Local *fatwā* related to the sampling of tissue from the dead human body was retrieved from various resources. It is shown that the importance of Muslim researchers to ensure their conduct and practices in developing new treatment should be in line with the *shari'ah*. Details of this study are available on page 1451.

A regular article entitled "Anticipations for and Perceived Barriers of Development among the Sarawak's Highlanders" discussed on the perception of the highlanders towards development. This study shows that the highlanders generally welcome development but were unsure of the modes of development to adopt. The detailed information of this article is presented on page 1507.

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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