

## Foreword

Welcome to the First Issue of 2021 for the *Pertanika Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities (PJSSH)*!

PJSSH 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 40 articles; 38 regular articles and 2 review articles. The authors of these articles come from different countries namely Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, and Thailand.

A regular article entitled “Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Arrest and Detention of Autists by Police” sought to understand the legal rights of autists for a specific SOP applicable for their arrest and detention. This study shows that there are differences between the specific SOP for autists and standard SOP for typical suspects. The detailed information of this article is presented on page 175.

Mizyed Abdelfattah Hyassat and colleagues dissected the barriers to and the depth of political engagement of individuals with disabilities living in Jordan, in their article, entitled “Participation of Individuals with Disabilities in Political Activities: Voices from Jordan”. The results revealed that the most prevalent obstacles that people with disabilities encountered regarding participating in political activities were poor communication, their own negative attitudes towards politics and politicians, and inaccessible physical environments. It is a very well research on interdisciplinary studies: a blend of political, sociological and psychological academic domains. Further details of the study can be found on page 329.

A selected article from the scope of management studies, entitled “Leveraging Intellectual Capital Dimensions: Focus on a Rural Development Agency as a Learning Organization” examined three intellectual dimensions of intellectual capital (human, structural, and relational) in a rural development organization and their contributions to a learning organization. The study shows that the structural capital being the most significant predictor of the learning organization. The organization’s long establishment is reflected in its strong structural capital, with intact governance, function and strategies that help workers achieve maximum organizational learning. Details of this study are available on page 669

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 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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