

Foreword

Welcome to the fourth issue of 2023 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 15 articles; one review article; one case study; and the rest are regular articles. The authors of these articles come from different countries namely China, Indonesia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Korea, Malaysia, Nigeria, Thailand and United Kingdom.

Yue Ma and colleagues provide a critical review to explore the sense of place potential in cultural heritage conservation in “Potential of Sense of Place in Cultural Heritage Conservation: A Systematic Review.” Six prominent themes emerged from the results, such as encouraging social sustainability, developing heritage tourism and promoting the protection and preservation of cultural heritage. Further details of the study can be found on page 1465.

An article entitled “Intersection of Gender, Globalization, and Religion in Local and Globalized ELT Textbooks in Iran” sought to investigate gender representation in two textbook series: Solutions, published by an international publisher, and the Iran Language Institute (ILI) series, written by local writers. The analysis of gender representation is guided by six criteria: visibility in pictures, visibility in text, firstness, character activity, occupations, and topic dominance. The findings indicate that in both textbook series, males exhibit greater visibility and dominance with character and occupation. The detailed information of this article is presented on page 1525.

Research conducted by Siriwan Rujibhong from Bangkok University Rangsit Campus contributes valuable insights into the relationship between the physical environments of urban and community contexts in high-rise condominiums and the mental wellbeing of their residents. The study’s main goals include assessing the assumption that the high-density urban environment and distinctive structure of condominiums play a crucial role in influencing the mental wellbeing of occupants. In “Impact of Physical Environmental Factors on the Mental Wellbeing of Condominium Dwellers,” interdisciplinary research tools were utilized, including a Physical-Environmental (PE) Assessment and Psychological (PP) Questionnaire. In-depth information about the study can be found on page 1587.

Over the past 12 months, 9% of the peer-reviewed manuscripts were accepted. It appears to be the current trend in PJSSH.

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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