

Foreword

Welcome to the second issue of 2024 for the *Pertanika Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities (PJSSH)*!

PJSSH is an open-access journal for studies in the field of 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 20 articles; five review article; one case study; and the rest are regular articles. The authors of these articles come from different countries namely Australia, China, India, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Nigeria, Thailand and United Kingdom.

An article entitled “The Application of an Unplugged and Low-Cost Children’s Coding Education Tool in a Gamification Context” explores how teaching coding to children has become necessary for fostering their computational skills. Integrating gamification into coding tools can significantly boost children’s engagement in learning. The study confirmed the positive impact of gamification, unplugged learning, and affordability on the perceived usefulness and ease of use of coding education tools, as per the Technology Acceptance Model theory framework. These student-centered design concepts offer valuable insights for the future development of unplugged coding education tools. The detailed information of this article is presented on page 387.

The article, ‘Post-COVID-19 Spatial Resilience in Community-Based Tourism: A Case Study on Ayutthaya’, stands out for its unique approach to identifying the major spatial management attributes that influence the operation of tourism communities during a crisis. The study, based on 19 tourism community cases, found that multi-center tourism communities with multiple activity bases were more resilient and could quickly return to tourism. The availability of space emerged as a key factor in promoting resilience in the tourism community during and after the pandemic. For more detailed information, please refer to page 409.

Syara Shazanna Zulkifli and Hazalizah Hamzah provide a critical review in their article “Work Outcomes and Well-Being Among Working Women: A Systematic Literature Review,” from 13 quantitative and ten qualitative studies. This review reported moderate links between work stress and workplace bullying to the worker’s well-being, weak to strong links between work-life balance and well-being, and weak to moderate links between support and well-being. Furthermore, the review revealed that the most thoroughly researched constructs were work-life balance, workplace bullying, and well-being, while qualitative studies on work stress and support experience are lacking. Further details of the study can be found on page 437.

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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