

## Foreword

Welcome to the **Third Issue 2017** of the Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities (JSSH)!

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This issue contains **27 articles**, of which **one** is a review article and **18** are regular research articles. The authors of these articles come from different countries, namely, **Nepal**, the **United States of America**, the **Philippines**, **Iraq**, **Australia**, **Japan**, the **United Arab Emirates**, **Pakistan**, **Nigeria**, **Malaysia**, **India** and **Indonesia**.

The review article in this issue reports briefly on educational effectiveness research as the knowledge base of improving education (*Siti Nurul Azkiyah*).

The regular articles cover a wide range of topics. The first is on the influence of board independence, board size and managerial ownership on firm investment efficiency (*Nor, N. H. M., Nawawi, A. and Salin, A. S. A. P.*). The following articles look at: the relationship between exposure to sexually explicit material and teenage pre-marital pregnancy (*Siti-Haidah M. I., Susan M. K. T., Bujang M. A., Voon Y. L., Lai F. C., Abdul-Wahab N., Kalil E. Z., Mohd-Ishak N and Kamal N. N.*); standardised age group mortality trend by state, Malaysia 1995-2010 (*Mohamad Adam Bujang, Abdul Muneer Abdul Hamid, Nurina Musta`ani Hamedon, Tg Mohd Ikhwan Tg Abu Bakar Sidik and Shahrul Aiman Soelar*); the effects of work-to-family conflict and work-to-family enrichment on job satisfaction among academics in Malaysia (*Badri, S. K. Z. and Panatik, S. A.*); stationarity of the Fama-French three factor model premiums in India (*Raghuram, G.*); impact of self-efficacy and contextual variables on entrepreneurial intention (*Brajaballav Kar, Rabi N Subudhi and Ramakrishna Padhy*); morphological features of the Siquijodnon-Cebuano language (*Bantawig, R. B. and Marañón, F. B.*); learning English in a third space as experienced by Malay students in an English-speaking university in Malaysia (*Ridwan Wahid and Zahariah Pilus*); academic dishonesty, considered in an empirical study of personal beliefs and values of undergraduate students in Malaysia (*Suriani Ismail and Zoharah Omar*); shared Arabic and Sanskrit loanwords beneficial for teaching Malay vocabulary to Nepali speakers (*Uni, Kazuhito.*); a case study looking into the driven readers among private higher education institution students (*Syamsul Fozy Osman and Ismail Sheikh Ahmad*); patterns of negotiation of meaning routine in online forum discussion (*Noor Mazni Abdul Karim, Rozina Abdul Ghani and Mohamed Ismail Ahamad Shah*); determinants of financial well-being among public employees in Putrajaya, Malaysia (*Mokhtar, N. and Husniyah, A. R.*); a study of Freudian hysteria in Fay Weldon's *The Life and Loves of a She-Devil* (*Omar Mohammed Abdullah and Mustafa Mohammed Abdullah*); a randomised controlled trial to examine the effectiveness of group Cognitive Behavioural Therapy for

the treatment of unipolar depression in Malaysia (*Low Jia Liang, Firdaus Mukhtar, Sherina M. Sidik, Normala Ibrahim, Raynuha Mahadevan and Tian PS Oei*); social transformation and the change of community capacity of post-tsunami Aceh, Indonesia (*Irfan Zikri*); authorial identity and linguistic features of native English and Thai writers in research articles (*Yotimart, D. and Noor Hashima Abd. Aziz*); a feminist reading of Eugene O’neill’s *Sentimental Stuff* (*Jyoti Sharma and InduPrabha Pathak*); procrastination behaviour, stress tolerance and study habits, considered in a cross-cultural analysis (*Sreethi Nair*); a state-level analysis of a shadow economy in Malaysia (*Yap, W. W., Sarmidi, T., Nor, A. H. S. M. and Said, F. F.*); Malaysian based intercultural knowledge and behaviour among secondary school students through an English-language intercultural reading programme (ELIRP) (*Manjet, K., Fatin, N. A. M., Jaganathan, P., Karupiah, P. and Ahmad, S. N. A.*); domestic violence against women, considered through empirical evidence from Pakistan (*Ashraf, S., Abrar-ul-haq, M. and Ashraf, S.*); a consideration of the motivation for youth entrepreneurship as a “born or made” factor (*Seun, A. O., Kalsom, A. W., Bilkis, A. and Raheem A. I.*); development of an office building sustainability assessment framework for Malaysia (*Shari, Z. and Soebarto, V.*); supply-chain management practices through a study of freight forwarders in Nepal (*Khanal, P. and Tamang, G.*); and factors influencing digital business strategy (*Singh, G., Gaur, L. and Agarwal, M.*).

I anticipate that you will find the evidence presented in this issue to be intriguing, thought-provoking and useful in reaching new milestones. Please recommend the journal to your colleagues and students to make this endeavour meaningful.

I would also like to express my gratitude to all the contributors who have made this issue possible, as well as the authors, reviewers and editors for their professional contribution. Last but not least, the editorial assistance of the journal division staff is also fully appreciated.

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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