

# Foreword

Welcome to the fourth 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; one review article; and the rest are regular articles. The authors of these articles come from different countries namely Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Oman, Pakistan and Thailand.

A regular article titled “Validation and Reliability of the Revised Manipal Inventory of Academic Stress (MIAS) among Higher Secondary Students in Karnataka, India” sought to validate the revised MIAS, specifically developed to assess the stressors encountered by higher secondary students in the study location. The study findings, intended to be theory testing, underscore the MIAS’s efficacy as a screening tool for academic stress in the Indian educational context. The detailed information of this article is presented on page 1281.

An article entitled “The Storytellers: In-depth Interviews with Malaysian Documentary Filmmakers” explores the creative processes in producing historical documentaries based on interviews with Malaysian filmmakers Lau Kek-Huat, Amir Muhammad, Fahmi Reza, Harun Rahman, and Lara Ariffin. Findings revealed that the filmmaker’s role as a storyteller is critical for preserving and highlighting people’s history and educating the audience, particularly Malaysia’s younger generation, to ensure that history is not lost and forgotten. Further details of the study can be found on page 1391.

Tesfaye Gebeyehu Tessema and Salilew Abebe Yadeta investigated the Determinants of Instructors’ Intention to Stay in First Generation Public Universities in Ethiopia: Management and PRs Perspective. The focus is on variables determining intention to stay (IS) in First Generation Universities (FGUs). The results revealed that the perceived internal University image (UI) of FGUs, job satisfaction (JS), communication source satisfaction (CS), and organizational citizenship behavior (OCB) uniquely determine IS in FGUs. The detailed information of this article is presented on page 1523.

In the last 12 months, of all the manuscripts peer-reviewed, 18% were accepted. This seems to be the 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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