

Foreword

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

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This issue contains 42 articles; three review articles and the rest are regular articles. The authors of these articles come from different countries namely Australia, Colombia, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand, United Kingdom, USA, Sweden and Vietnam.

Mohd Kamel Mat Salleh and colleagues review an interesting polemic on whether fatwa is rightly constitutional and as part of law systems practised in Malaysia, in their article entitled "Position of Fatwa in the Constitution: A Legal Analysis". The study shows that the fatwa and its institutions are legal and valid according to Malaysian law despite it is not literally mentioned in the Constitution. Further details of the study can be found on page 2171.

A selected article from the scope of Sociology, titled "Covid-19 and Collective Memory Among Malaysians: Does Generation Matter?" targets to understand the impact of Covid-19 on the collective memory among Malaysian generational cohorts. The study shows significant cohort effects on the collective memory of Covid-19, with lower recall recorded among the older generation as compared to the younger generation, which provided stronger support to the Critical Years Hypothesis. Details of this study are available on page 2371.

A regular article titled "A Study on Cognitive Aspects of Students' Mathematical Reasoning Habits: Utilizing Lesson Study and Open Approach" sought to investigate the cognitive aspects of the mathematical reasoning habits of students by utilizing Lesson Study (LS) and Open Approach (OA) in teaching mathematics. This study shows the importance of OA treatment in the LS process in improving students' mathematical reasoning habits. The detailed information of this article is presented on page 2592.

In the last 12 months, of all the manuscripts peer-reviewed, 24% 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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