

Editorial

We are very pleased to release our first issue of UMRAN-International Journal of Islamic and Civilizational Studies. This journal is managed by the Faculty of Islamic Civilization, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia in collaboration with UTM press. It is a platform for disseminating and expanding knowledge, especially, in the area of Islamic and civilizational studies. It is also a forum for researchers, students, academics and society in general to exchange new ideas and expound new findings in such areas of discipline.

Our approach is to encourage cross-disciplinary, multi-disciplinary, inter-disciplinary and trans-disciplinary researches in what we believe will make meaningful contribution to the society and the world at large, especially in this 21st century where academic cooperation and collaboration are highly in demand by the researchers, specialists, and experts. Thus, research is no longer confined to a particular area of discipline or department or faculty, nor is it desirable for a researcher to work in segregation and ignore the relatively advances made in other fields of knowledge. Hence, there is a need for collaboration and engagement between scientists and social scientists, engineers and theologians, psychologists and philosophers as obviously manifested in the contemporary research institutions and universities.

The academic philosophical ideal and the spirit of interdisciplinary research as mentioned above served as our adopted strategy for publication of manuscripts, research papers, book reviews and short communications in this journal. Therefore, the themes in this journal cover wide areas of Islamic and Civilizational Studies such as: history, culture and civilization, philosophy and Islamic thought, Sufism and theology, politics and political economy, economics and finance, management, law and jurisprudence, education, science and technology as well as *halal* science.

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Thank you.

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