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## Editorial Notes

### From the desk of Chief Editor: the International Journal of Built Environment and Sustainability

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All praises belong to God. Finally, we are able to publish the very first publication of the International Journal of Built Environment and Sustainability. Thank you to all colleagues who have been supporting the establishment of this Journal. The International Journal of Built Environment and Sustainability, or in short, the IJBES, is the elevated version of Journal Alam Bina. At that time, Faculty of Built Environment, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia managed Journal Alam Bina. However, because of some difficulties, the Journal Alam Bina discontinued to publish in 2008.

The IJBES, on the other hand, is a fully open online journal with a mission to share the knowledge among the academic colleagues and practitioners in the field of built environment and sustainability. For this purpose, the IJBES accepts the responsibilities to promote in a synergistic manner the advancement of the sciences of built environment and sustainability with all academic colleagues and professionals, the region. By this majestic mission, we invited many academic colleagues and professionals from Australia, Japan, Korea, United Kingdom, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Nigeria, Thailand and host country, Malaysia. We asked them to foster the advent of built environment and sustainability sciences synergistically through the IJBES.

We pleased them to be the editorial board members of the IJBES without offering any financial benefits to them, and they accepted the offer eagerly because of their conscience and concern. Their optimism reflected in their acceptance to work beyond his/her roles as an editorial board member. During the absence of online submission system, in which the reviewers are difficult to contact, they voluntarily accept the additional roles to be a reviewer. We are indebted to all colleagues for his/her idealism and altruism to foster the advancement of scientific knowledge.

Let me briefly explain the plan of the IJBES. We establish the IJBES with practically no financial capital and gain but idealism and concern. We believe that idealism can overtake other factors towards our goals. By this notion, the online journal system that we are presently developing

uses Open Journal System. We impose no publication fee. We use no hardcopy, thus minimize footprint to our environment. The persons in the IJBES secretariat are all volunteers. However, we guarantee our professionalism and enthusiasm. We are working towards indexing in Scopus or any recognized indexing systems. We will publish as many as issues we can publish while maintaining quality of the papers. Peer reviewed articles will be our fundamental policy in the IJBES. Let us move forward promoting our scientific knowledge by publishing quality papers.

In this issue, we publish ten peer-reviewed articles out of twenty articles we received. Four articles were originated from Bangladesh, Indonesia, Japan and Thailand, and six articles were from the Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Universiti Malaya (UM), Universiti Malaysia Kelantan (UMK) and International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM).

Finally, we would like to thank all colleagues who directly or indirectly support the establishment of the IJBES.

Johor Bahru, Malaysia 30 October 2014.

**Roslan Amirudin**

*Chief Editor, IJBES*

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