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Editorial Notes

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

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Happy New Year 2015!

On behalf of the Journal Office Staff, I would like to extend my profound Happy New Year 2015 for all the readers, reviewers, editorial board members, authors and potential contributors. I wish all of you have more productive days ahead.

Our IJBES has been in Volume 2 Issue 1 in 2015, still a toddler indeed. However, we committed to consistently improve the quality of articles published by this journal. Our reviewers, editors and staff of the Journal must sacrifice their precious time to accomplish this mission. For this purpose, we set a minimum standard of quality that we considered appropriate for a newly established journal, and gradually improved the quality to the highest possible level for a refereed international journal. Our ultimate goal for this journal is getting indexed in a reputable indexing databases such as Scopus.

In this volume, we publish various topics on built environment and sustainability with the focus of study in Southeast Asian countries i.e. Malaysia, Indonesia and Vietnam with international authorship as well. However, a generic study on Islamic architecture was also prepared. In this issue, the architectural topics are more dominant in comparison to other aspects of the built environment.

Indeed, built environment as the core business of this journal, cannot be separated from the sustainability aspect when we look from the angle of sustainable development. Thus, we strongly encourage the potential contributors to submit his/her works on green building, sustainable and smart building, sustainable urban development, sustainable construction management and other relevant works that closely associated with built environment and sustainability.

To maintain the 'internationality' of the journal as it is reflected in the name of journal and editorial board memberships, the presence of international authors are mandatory. Inviting international authors has very unique challenges, considering the recentness of the journal. We

must use all possible channels to 'provoke' them to submit their works in our Journal. In fact, it is not an easy task.

Despite many things to be done internally, we are now developing and improving our website (<http://ijbes.utm.my>) and completing the contents of the website for more convenient online submission of the contributors as well as smooth review and editorial processes. Thus, it will expedite the process of publication. At this stage, our journal publishes three issues a year i.e. January, May and September. However, we intend to increase to four issues a year when constant supply of quality articles and tools to support friendly online article submission are secured.

Thank you and have a productive days ahead.

Johor Bahru, Malaysia 30 January 2015.

Roslan Amirudin

Chief Editor, IJBES

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