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Editorial Notes

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

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First and the foremost, in this opportunity I, as Dean of the Faculty of Built Environment Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, would like to share a good news that the QS World University Ranking by Subject released officially on the 29 April 2015 shows that UTM listed in the top 100 universities in worldwide rankings for Architecture/Built Environment. This commendable achievement would not have been possible without the contribution of each and everyone at the faculty, and it is hoped this will be the impetus for us to reach greater heights.

Second good news is that, Perpustakaan Negara Malaysia has released an e-ISSN for this Journal. The e-ISSN of our IJBES is 2289-8948. This is important to gradually juxtapose the requirements of Scopus-indexed Journal. Our next step is to apply for Digital Object Identifier (DOI). In the mean time, Google Scholars has recognized the articles published by the IJBES.

Our IJBES has been in Volume 2 Issue 2 in 2015. 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 the Philippines with international authorship as well.

Various aspects of built environment and sustainability are reflected in this issue. Architectural buildings including area-based conservation and the excellent works of an architect have been studied. Area-based studies such as land use changes and air pollution relationships, spatio-temporal changes of land use, gentrification as a result of urban development, and housing policies have been excellently presented by various authors with different background. One article on heritage tourism has also been included in this issue.

We would like to reiterate that built environment is the core business of this journal. It cannot be separated from the sustainability aspect when we look from the angle of sustainable development. Thus, we are strongly calling and encouraging 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.

We are striving to constantly improve the quality of the articles published by the International Journal of Built Environment and Sustainability, as well as the online submission system of the Journal.

Thank you and have a productive days ahead.

Johor Bahru, Malaysia 30 May 2015.

Roslan Amirudin

Chief Editor, IJBES

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