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Editorial Notes

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

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The International Journal of Built Environment and Sustainability has accomplished its Year 2 in publishing ever-improving the quality of articles. The authors in this Volume 2 Issue 3 Issue are geographically well distributed across Asia and Australia i.e. Australia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, and the Philippines. We hope that, as IJBES is getting its popularity, both geographical distribution of the authors and quality of the articles submitted to the IJBES will be improved over time.

During the last couple of months, we added four new International Editorial Board members, who are Prof. Dr. Jung-Geun Anh of the Gyeongsang National University, Korea, Prof. Dr. Ir. Ansar-Ul-Haque Yasar of the Hasselt University, Belgium, Prof. Dr. Bhishna Bajracharya of the Bond University, Australia, and Prof. Dr. Chandrasekar Parsuvanathan of the Velammal Engineering College, India. We welcome you aboard to all new Editorial Board Members.

Welcoming new International Editorial Board is to ensure the “internationality” and geographical distribution of the Editorial Board of the IJBES. The IJBES also ensures the track record of the Editorial Board Members in publishing their papers. These two prerequisites are required towards the index of IJBES by Scopus in near future.

This issue publishes several articles that discuss collaborative urban planning and how institutional setting contributes to urban development under specific conditions, privatization of urban infrastructure that may have the consequences on service quality, eco cities and the simulation of densification under three different scenarios towards sustainable city.

Discussion on natural disasters, as a result of climate change impacts, on Asian cities have also become imminent threats such as urban floods. How does a response properly and effectively address the reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts to minimize the impacts to city and citizens. Cities in the Philippines has been suffering for quite a long time from urban floods,

particularly due to typhoon, as the Philippines are frequently stricken by this natural phenomenon.

Articles on urban housing, urban transport and specific issue on attribute of a city are also published in this issue. By this various topics of discussion, the International Journal of Built Environment and Sustainability has so far accomplish its mission on sharing knowledge in the field of built environment and sustainability.

We highly appreciate the authors, the reviewers and the editors on their constant contribution to the continuous publications of the Journal.

Thank you and have always a productive days ahead.

Johor Bahru, Malaysia 30 September 2015.

Roslan Amirudin

Chief Editor, IJBES

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