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FOREWORD

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Welcome to the biannual issue of Journal of Islam in Asia. First and foremost, we would like to thank Allah SWT for blessing us with the opportunity to publish this second issue of the year 2022. Hopefully, this publication will be of benefit to readers and to the *ummah*. In addition, we would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the process of completion and publication of this issue. May your efforts be rewarded by Allah SWT.

The Journal of Islam in Asia (JIA) is a peer-reviewed international Arabic-English online journal, published biannually in June and December by the International Islamic University Malaysia. The Journal includes articles, selected studies, book reviews, reports of conferences etc., which are relevant to Islamic thought and Muslim concerns. The Journal sees itself as an instrument, and an extension, to promote the IIUM's mission of (IIICE); Integration, Islamicization, Internationalization, and Comprehensive Excellence.

This December issue of 2022 consists of eleven articles in which, six of the articles are in Arabic and five articles are in English. The first article of this issue is **Board of Directors and Enhancing Corporate Governance of Public Shareholding Company According to Omani Company Act No. 18/2019.** The authors discuss the governance of the board of directors of public commercial companies based on Omani laws and regulations. The second article **The Significance of Competencies in Human Association According to Ibn Khaldun**, studies human association from the perspective of Ibn Khaldun's concept of *Malakat* or human competencies and its relation to various fields in life. The third Arabic article, **Methods of Developing Competencies in Islamic Civilization and its Contemporary Applications: An Analytical Study of the Contributions of Omar Bin Abdul Aziz** discovers the concept of administrative competence and management in Islam based on the

administration of the caliphate Omar Bin Abdul Aziz. Besides that, the fourth Arabic article is Awqaf and its Role in Islamic Civilization "Waqf Uthman Ibn Affan as a Model". In this article, the authors deeply discuss the topic of waqf or awqaf centering the model of Waqf of Uthman ibn Affan that highly contributes to Islamic civilization. The next Arabic article is The Role of Planning in State Affairs in Islamic Civilization: An Analytical Study of the Model of Omar Ibn Al-Khattab. This article will study another great Islamic figure which is Omar Ibn Al-Khattab, specifically looking into his public policies and strategic planning as a model of Islamic administration and its relation to the contemporary reality. Lastly, the sixth Arabic article in this issue is The Image of The Other in The Novel of "Mornings in Jenin" by Susan Abulhawa, the authors of this article analyse a Palestinian literature, specifically the novel "Mornings in Jenin" written by Susan Abulhawa, in search for the image of the other and Palestinian self in discovering the reality of the Palestinian land.

The first English article in this issue is Tawhid in Practice: Management Students' Reflections on Surah al-Anfal and Surah at-**Taubah**. This article reflects on Surah al-Anfal and Surah at-Taubah by experimenting on the effectiveness of using a certain framework to guide the management students in reflecting on the two chosen surah. Next, the second English article is The Concept of Papal Infallibility in Christianity and 'Ismah (Sinlessness) in Islam: A Comparative **Study**. In this article, the concept of sinlessness or '*Ismah* is discussed in the context of two religions which are Christianity and Islam, comparing between papal infallibility in Christianity to the prophet's 'Ismah in Islam. The third English article is Rethinking Consociationalism and Coalition Politics in Malaysia. The author of this article seeks to understand consociationalism and coalition politics, applying it to the Malaysian context as national integration and unity have been a problem for the country despite its image as a multicultural country. The next English article, Role of Worldview in Family Empowerment Plans: **Proposed Islamic Integrated Framework**, discusses the orientation of family empowerment by proposing an integrated Islamic framework, using an analytical descriptive method to reflect on the Islamic context, value system, and objectives of the family. Last but not least, The Villainous East Versus The Heroic West: A Postcolonial Analysis of *The Kite Runner* and its Portrayal of Muslim Afghanistan, examines the Orientalist discourse present in the novel *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini, utilising the theory of Postcolonialism in portraying the negative image of the East versus the positive image of West.

Lastly, the Editorial Committee of Journal of Islam in Asia would like to congratulate all authors whose writings are published in the December issue of 2022. May your contributions help to further flourish the field of academia and reach wider audiences.

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