

## **PREFACE**

Assalamu'alaikum wrt. wbt.

Dear worthy readers.

Wholehearted welcome and thanks to all for taking the time to read and review our first issue of the year 2026, the Design Ideals Journal (DIJ). In the previous issue 2 of Volume 7, 2025, the publication presented twelve (12) papers pertaining to the built environments. As for this issue, eleven (11) papers from our faculty and students that focus on the fields of Architecture, Planning, Landscape Architecture, Quantity Surveying, Building Technology Engineering, and Applied Arts and Design are presented for your construing. As pledged, it is our commitment to constantly creating a journal unambiguously dedicated to a well-thought of KAED community. As such, the principal aim of the Design Ideals Journalist to provide a platform for the students, lecturers and practitioners to extend their practical trust for nurturing the readers, be it general, students or professionals alike.

The journal offers an opportunity for researchers, research students and practitioners to share their views on either theoretical or empirical research findings and readers, especially academics and students to indulge and value its contents. We welcome the research reports and academic papers, short practice notes, design reviews and abstracts from portfolios and design theses on any aspects within the areas related to the built environment. With the production of this issue, we accomplish to publish the first of the two issues as our pledge for a biannual production in the year 2026. We hope to publish more issues in coming years. As usual, we humbly anticipate getting inspiring feedback from readers.

Lastly, I would like to thank the entire publication team, KAED and IIUM in general who had supported and give their commitment in completing the publication for this issue. To all the readers, I wish all a joyful reading and indefatigable support in our publication efforts. Thankyou.

Editor-in-Chief