

PREFACE

Assalamu'alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh

Dear Admirable Readers,

Whole-hearted welcome and thanks to all for taking the time to read and review our first issue of the year, the Design Ideal Journal (DIJ). Like the previous issue, eight articles from our faculty and students that focus on the fields of architecture, planning, landscaping architecture, quantity surveying, building technology engineering, 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 Ideal Journal is 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 fields related to the built environment. With the production of this issue, we accomplish to publish the first of two issues as our pledge for a biannual production. In shaa Allah, apart from regular issues, we hope an additional issue in the form of a Special Issue will be obtainable to the readers in the impending. As usual, we humbly anticipate getting inspiring feedback from readers.

Lastly, as the incumbent Chief Editor since DIJ's inception that will be retiring very soon from the official academic duties in this esteemed institution, I wish to seek an apology for any shortcoming that occurred on my part. I make a du'a for Allah's blessing to the entire publication team, KAED, and IIUM in general who had supported and facilitated my work as Chief Editor all along. I hope the DIJ's forthcoming Chief Editor and publication team will continue with an even better image of the DIJ production. To all the readers, I wish all a joyful reading and indefatigable support in our publication efforts. Thank you.

Editor-in-Chief