

## **PREFACE**

Dear honourable readers,

Assalamu'alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh

Welcome to the first Special Issue Design Ideals Journal, a platform created to showcase research works and share views on theoretical and empirical research findings from students and lecturers. I would like to congratulate the Department of Landscape Architecture, Kulliyyah of Architecture and Environmental Design (KAED), International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), for the accomplishment to present this inaugural publication that highlights the scholarly research materials related to the fields of interest and specialisation of our students and lecturers. I would also like to welcome the guest editor for this special issue, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Putri Haryati Ibrahim.

This issue features nine articles from the final-year Landscape Architecture projects that specialise in the areas of cultural heritage, eco-tourism, and space-making for recreational activities in Malaysia. Our hope is that the readers will find great values in the contents of this publication.

As this is our first Design Ideals Journal (Special Edition) focusing on Landscape Architecture-based projects, we hope that you enjoy reading the manuscripts and we also welcome your feedback to help us improve and grow for future issues.

Thank you and happy reading.

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