



A Landmark Bridge Between Malaysia and Vietnam

Horizon JHSSR and USSH-VNUHCM Forge a Strategic Alliance for Global Scholarship, Intercultural Research and Academic Excellence

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A significant new chapter in Southeast Asian academic collaboration has been written with the signing of a **Memorandum of Understanding between Horizon Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences Research (Horizon JHSSR), Malaysia, and the Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Viet Nam National University, Ho Chi Minh City (USSH-VNUHCM), Vietnam, on 18 September 2026 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.**

Signed by **Professor Dr. Nayan Kanwal**, Chief Executive Editor of Horizon JHSSR, and **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Phan Thi Hong Xuan**, Dean of the Faculty of Oriental Studies, USSH-VNUHCM, the agreement establishes a five-year framework for sustained academic cooperation between the two institutions.

The partnership brings together Horizon JHSSR's international scholarly publishing platform and the Faculty of Oriental Studies' distinctive expertise in **Asian languages, cultures and civilisations**, creating new possibilities for collaborative research, scholarly publishing, intercultural dialogue and academic exchange.

Under the agreement, the partners will explore a wide spectrum of initiatives, including joint interdisciplinary research, faculty and student mobility, international conferences and seminars, publication of selected research in special issues of Horizon JHSSR, peer-review and editorial collaboration, academic writing workshops, professional development programmes, research dissemination, and opportunities for graduate students and early-career researchers.

The signing represents more than another addition to Horizon JHSSR's expanding international network. It is a significant step towards building a **Malaysia-Vietnam scholarly bridge** founded upon mutual respect, intercultural understanding and the conviction that knowledge becomes more powerful when institutions cross borders to create it together.

 **With this landmark partnership, Horizon JHSSR further strengthens its growing presence across Asia and continues its journey towards becoming a trusted international platform where research crosses borders, cultures meet through scholarship, and academic partnerships create lasting impact.** 