



A Global Vision Realised ✨

Horizon JHSSR's Expanding Network of International Academic Partnerships and the Journey Towards Global Scholarly Leadership

International Collaborations

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The journey began with **Infrastructure University Kuala Lumpur (IUKL)** in August 2024, the first institution to formalise a partnership with Horizon JHSSR and support its vision of creating an internationally connected platform for scholarly communication. This pioneering collaboration laid the foundation for the Journal's expanding network and established an important precedent for future institutional engagement.

The momentum continued with **GlobalNxt University**, whose partnership reinforced Horizon JHSSR's aspiration to connect scholarship with the evolving landscape of higher education. Subsequent collaborations with **UNITAR University College**, and **UNITAR International University** further extended the Journal's academic reach, creating opportunities for collaborative research, scholarly publishing, faculty engagement, professional development, and research capacity building.

In July 2026, Horizon JHSSR entered another significant phase of international growth through the signing of Memoranda of Understanding with **Chaudhary Devi Lal University (CDLU)** and the **Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM)** in India. These partnerships broadened the Journal's institutional engagement across the region and reinforced its commitment to research cooperation, ethical scholarly publishing, interdisciplinary inquiry, and the responsible exploration of emerging fields, including Artificial Intelligence.

The signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on **18 September 2026** in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, with the **Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Viet Nam National University, Ho Chi Minh City (USSH-VNUHCM), Vietnam**, marks a particularly meaningful milestone in this international journey. What was previously an anticipated collaboration has now become a formal partnership, extending Horizon JHSSR's network into Vietnam and opening a new chapter in Southeast Asian academic cooperation.

The agreement was signed by **Professor Dr. Nayan Kanwal**, Chief Executive Editor of Horizon JHSSR, and **Associate Professor Dr. Phan Thị Hồng Xuân**, Dean of the Faculty of Oriental Studies, USSH-VNUHCM. It establishes a framework for sustained academic engagement, bringing together a scholarly journal committed to international research dissemination and a faculty whose academic interests encompass Asian languages, cultures, and civilisations.

The partnership provides a foundation for cooperation in interdisciplinary research, academic exchange, international conferences, seminars and workshops, scholarly publishing, peer review, editorial collaboration, and professional development in academic writing and research dissemination. It also creates opportunities to support graduate students and early-career researchers, encourage collaborative research outputs, and strengthen connections between academic communities in Malaysia and Vietnam. With an initial five-year term, the agreement offers a substantial framework within which the two parties can develop activities and initiatives in accordance with their shared priorities.

With the signing of the USSH-VNUHCM agreement, **Horizon JHSSR's international network now comprises seven formal institutional partnerships**: IUKL, GlobalNxt University, UNITAR University College, UNITAR International University, CDLU, CUTM, and USSH-VNUHCM. Together, these relationships reflect the gradual expansion of the Journal's academic engagement across national, institutional, and cultural boundaries.

Collectively, these alliances illustrate a broader transformation. Horizon JHSSR is extending its role beyond the conventional functions of a scholarly journal to serve as a collaborative partner in research dissemination, editorial engagement, academic publishing, professional development, scholarly communication, and institutional capacity building. Through these relationships, the Journal seeks to contribute not only to the publication of research but also to the development of academic communities that value integrity, innovation, inclusivity, and international engagement.

At the heart of every Memorandum of Understanding lies a simple yet profound principle: **knowledge achieves its greatest impact when it is shared across cultures, disciplines, and nations**. Each partnership therefore serves as a bridge connecting researchers, educators, students, editors, and institutions in a collective pursuit of discovery, understanding, and societal progress.

The significance of these collaborations extends beyond institutional recognition. Together, they offer a practical expression of academic diplomacy, through which universities and scholarly publishing partners can build relationships, exchange expertise, strengthen research capacity, and encourage dialogue across different intellectual and cultural traditions. In an increasingly interconnected world, such cooperation can help create the conditions for addressing complex contemporary challenges through rigorous inquiry, ethical scholarship, and shared learning.

The newly formalised partnership with USSH-VNUHCM adds a distinctive Southeast Asian dimension to this vision. By creating a framework for cooperation between Malaysia and Vietnam, it affirms the importance of intercultural understanding and regional academic engagement. It also reinforces the potential of humanities and social sciences research to illuminate cultural experiences, foster dialogue, and contribute to a more informed understanding of societies and their changing relationships with the world.

As Horizon JHSSR continues to expand its international footprint, its commitment remains steadfast: to uphold rigorous standards of scholarly publishing, champion responsible research, encourage intellectual curiosity, and provide an inclusive platform through which diverse perspectives can contribute to the advancement of the humanities and social sciences.

The Journal's growing family of international partners is a testament to the confidence, goodwill, and shared aspirations of institutions that recognise the value of collaboration in shaping the future of higher education. These partnerships create possibilities that extend beyond publications and conferences. They can nurture enduring professional relationships, support emerging scholars, strengthen academic communities, and enrich the international exchange of knowledge.

The story of Horizon JHSSR's international partnerships is therefore not merely a record of signed agreements. It is the story of a collective commitment to excellence, the forging of lasting relationships across borders, and the continuing development of a global academic network dedicated to advancing knowledge for the benefit of humanity.

 **As Horizon JHSSR looks towards the future, its vision remains clear: to build bridges between institutions, empower researchers across continents, and advance a world in which scholarship knows no boundaries, collaboration transcends borders, and knowledge becomes a shared force for progress, peace, intercultural understanding, and sustainable human development. 🌟**