FOREWORD

Editor's Introduction to the ASAIHL Special Edition–

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It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to this **special commemorative issue** of the of the *Horizon Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences Research* (JHSSR), Volume 7 (S), August 2025. This edition is published in conjunction with the 2024 ASAIHL Conference, held from November 19–22 at Universitas Airlangga in Surabaya, Indonesia, under the timely theme: *"University's Role in Advancing Climate Crises Reduction."*

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This special edition reflects ASAIHL's enduring legacy of fostering academic collaboration across Southeast Asia and beyond. It opens with messages from distinguished leaders: Dr. Ninnat Olanvoravuth *(Secretary-General Emeritus, ASAIHL),* Emeritus Professor Tan Sri Dato' Dr. Syed Jalaludin *(Chairman, ASAIHL Executive Committee),* Professor Dr. Mohammad Nasih *(Rector, Universitas Airlangga),* and introductory remarks by Professor Dr. Nayan Kanwal, Chief Executive Editor, JHSSR.

The volume features **11 carefully selected articles** that exemplify the scholarly breadth and depth of the 2024 ASAIHL Conference. It begins with a forward-looking editorial by Professor Nayan Kanwal and Dr. Trần Thị Vân Dung titled *"Charting the Future: AI, Ethics, and Scholarly Publishing in the Humanities and Social Sciences."* The piece explores the integration of artificial intelligence in academic publishing, assessing its impact on research ethics, peer review, and editorial practices, and issues a call for responsible and inclusive innovation.

The second article, a comprehensive review by Professor Tika Widiastuti and colleagues, investigates university-industry collaboration in vocational education within green innovation hubs as a key strategy for climate crisis mitigation.

Eight subsequent research articles present a diverse range of perspectives:

1) **Prof. Andres Winston C. Oreta** evaluates experiential learning in disaster resilience education for civil engineering students.
2) **Prof. Luchman Hakim and team** examine community service programs at Brawijaya University contributing to climate mitigation.
3) **Dr. Jennifer T. Ramos** assesses the eco-impact of promotional campaigns by Philippine associations.
4) **Dr. Maya Dania** presents a mixed-methods study on climate crisis integration in higher education at Mae Fah Luang University.
5) **Dr. Edie Boy M. Dela Cruz** introduces a web-based geoinformatics system for predictive weather forecasting using machine learning.
6) **Julia Anne L. De Guzman et al.** analyze coastal vulnerability in Leyte, Philippines, providing community-based solutions for sustainable coastal management.
7) **Nopparuj Suetrong and colleagues** demonstrate the potential of high-performance computing and graph networks in optimizing CO_2 transportation for carbon capture and storage.
8) **Dr. Reni Juwitasari** outlines the role of schools and universities in disaster risk reduction, grounded in global frameworks like the Sendai Framework and SDGs.

The edition concludes with a case study by **Muniroh et al.** on curriculum maturity in sustainable development within Airlangga University's Industrial Engineering Program, measuring the real-world impact of student engagement and sustainability awareness.

Together, these contributions highlight the critical role of Southeast Asian institutions in addressing global environmental challenges through education, research, technology, and community engagement.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the ASAIHL Secretariat, the organizing team at Universitas Airlangga, and all the contributing authors and peer reviewers whose dedication has ensured the quality and integrity of this publication.

We hope this special issue will inspire continued academic collaboration, policy innovation, and transformative action toward a more sustainable and resilient future.

As we celebrate the journal's accomplishment of surpassing **1,316 submissions,** with only 257 accepted and published, we acknowledge the rigorous standards maintained in the review process. This high acceptance rate reflects our commitment to ensuring the publication of high-quality research that aligns with the journal's scope and contributes significantly to the academic community.

Our Quality

All the papers except the book-review published in this edition underwent a rigorous yet relatively rapid **double-blind peer-review process** involving a minimum of three reviewers comprising internal as well as external referees, which translates to benefits such as timeliness of publication, widespread dissemination, high visibility, and likelihood of high citations and broader impacts. This was also to ensure that the quality of

the papers justified the high ranking of the journal, which hopes to be one at par with one of the renowned and heavily-cited journals not only by authors and researchers in Malaysia and America but by those in other countries around the world as well.

While I hope this issue will have particular appeal to new readers across this region and beyond, I am confident that the articles published will raise interest among our regular readership of scholars and postgraduate students elsewhere, thanks to the relevance and diversity of contributions on a region whose future bears central importance to us all.

I would also like to express gratitude to all the contributing authors for their trust, patience, and timely revisions, who have made this issue possible, as well as the reviewers and editors for their professional contribution. Last but not least, the assistance of the journal's editorial office in Texas, particularly Jessica Whitsitt, Lucy Fernandez, and Judy Meester—my adorable assistants, is greatly appreciated.

The Editorial Board of JHSSR welcomes your contributions and looks forward to many years of fruitful research to come. We continue to welcome submissions in all fields of humanities and social sciences. Horizon JHSSR is currently accepting manuscripts for its **2025-26 issues** based on original qualitative or quantitative research that opens new areas of inquiry and investigation. Empirical articles should demonstrate high rigor and quality. Original research collects and analyses data in systematic ways to present important new research that adds to and advances the debates within the journal's fields. The editors hope that the authors publishing in this journal can support the noble cause of JHSSR in reaching its goals.

JHSSR also invites call for proposals for **2025-26 Special Issues**. Our journal aims to provide a platform for researchers and technical experts to publish original papers, reviews and communications on all aspects of humanities and social sciences research. We strive to maintain a high standard of scientific objectivity, and we ensure that all submitted articles undergo a stringent yet relatively rapid double-blind peer-review process, which translates to benefits such as timeliness of publication, widespread dissemination, high visibility, and likelihood of high citations and broader impacts. Alongside a mission-driven Editor-in-chief, the globally diverse Editorial Board works with prominent scientific community to create a fast moving and rigorous editorial reviews. JHSSR follows code of conduct stipulated by the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE). Proposals can be submitted directly via email to cee.horizon@gmail.com

Let me conclude by saying that with the publication of this issue, we are now leaping forward soon into the eighth year of continuous and successful scholarly publication of Horizon JHSSR. Changing publishing norms and expectations have given rise to a new wave of publishing standards that we'll be riding into 2026 soon and beyond. I am confident that the upcoming year will bring yet another challenging year of emerging scholarly articles.

Only time will tell what the next decade has in store, but one thing for sure is we will likely see greater innovation in all areas of scholarly publishing with emphasis on A.I. If you are observing other scholarly publishing trends, please do share your thoughts with the Chief Executive Editor!

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you find these articles thought-provoking and valuable in your academic pursuits, and look forward to further enriching the scholarly discourse in future issues.

Warm regards,

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