

Welcome Message

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The amount of papers presented at the annual IPRC is miniscule in the larger scale of academic and scholarly work around the world. However, the papers, and the event itself, are highly significant for the two organizing institutions. The collaboration that had exceeded 10 years is a testimony of the importance of the colloquium. Indeed, it is my pleasure to welcome all the participants to the 10th IPRC hosted by BSRI in Bangkok this year.

The primary function of the IPRC is to provide a platform for postgraduate students from IIUM and BSRI to communicate their research works to each other. The cross-border sharing necessitates a set of soft-skills to be gained and employed for a successful communication to happen. Thus, the IPRC has been valuable in training the postgraduate students to push themselves beyond the required performance for their respective academic programme. In this respect, the IPRC is a stable and safe training ground for postgraduate students.

For academic staff, the IPRC can be a motivating factor to ensure the students to put efforts into their research work. It is understandable that some students may be apprehensive about giving public presentation of an academic paper. However, given the friendly and cordial nature of the colloquium, much of the anxiety can be reduced. Nonetheless, more efforts can be expanded to ensure the IPRC is more intrinsically motivating. The involvement of participants from other universities had made the IPRC a more diverse forum. Further ideas need to be injected into the colloquium to expand its size and influence.

It is therefore appropriate that the theme of this edition of the IPRC explicitly acknowledge the perspective of ASEAN. Hopefully, this will lead to wider opportunities for collaboration among institutions in ASEAN. Of course, the present collaboration between BSRI and the Department of Psychology of IIUM should be strengthened. The IPRC could be exploited to encourage more collaborative activities such as cross-cultural research, teaching, and publication.

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The hope is high that the IPRC continues to make its presence felt within the two organizing institutions. It is also hoped that the IPRC will have a bigger and more impactful presence in the future for Malaysia, Thailand, and the rest of ASEAN. I would like to congratulate and thank the students in the organizing committee for being part of these noble efforts. May you gain much from the IPRC as your predecessors had. I would also like to record my appreciation to the academic staffs who had been guiding the students to manage this event. In the end, I believe every one of us involved in this colloquium will leave our individual imprint, on each other, on our institutions, and the scholarly circle that we belong to.

May we have a productive and beneficial colloquium.

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