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I am excited to present this December issue of Makara Human Behavior Studies in Asia. The seven articles in this issue vary on the topics as well as disciplinary perspectives. Two articles are related to the life of children and their families. The first article, written by Clara Ajisukmo, Agustina Baskara, and Eva Neidhardt, provides an important insight on whether children from urban families whose parents allow them to engage in outdoor activities have better spatial ability. Related to the children's well-being, the study conducted by Yulina Eva Riany, Monica Cuskelly, and Pamela Meredith tests the psychometric attributes of the Indonesian version of the Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire (PSDQ) and the Parent-Child Relationships Questionnaire (PCRQ).

In this issue, we have three studies related to the topic of mental health investigated from three disciplinary perspectives. Yusaumi Taufik, Prabu Wardono, and G. Prasetyo Adhitama of Institut Teknologi Bandung, examines the impact of music games on social interaction at a retirement community in Makassar, South Sulawesi, Indonesia, from the perspective of human behavior and interior space. As Baby Boomers have started reaching the age of retirement, it is critical to understand how the community and society can provide better care for its late adult population, which necessitates studies about or related to the well-being of our senior citizens. Edira Putri and Ferdinand Prawiro studied mental health from the point of view of psychology. They employed a qualitative approach in studying people's perceptions in the Serang Regency area about mental illness. Evidence about how mental illnesses and disorders are perceived is important in the scholarly discussion as well as policy initiatives on mental health care and education. Using nationally representative data from the Indonesian

Family Life Surveys, economist Cynthia Rosalin conducted econometric analysis on the relationship between social capital and mental health among Indonesians.

Two articles highlight political topics. Muhammad Abdan Shadiqi, Mirra Noor Milla, and Hamdi Muluk studied predictors of participation in Palestinian solidarity action among members of Islamic organizations in Indonesia. The study revealed complex associations among organizational affiliation, politicization and religiosity, and group efficacy in predicting participation in solidarity action. Annisa Seminar, Sarwititi Sarwoprasodjo, Rilus Kinseng, and Dwi Santosa of Bogor Agricultural University conducted ethnography to examine the perception about the notion of food sovereignty among Indonesian farmers. The researchers find a resemblance between the perception of Indonesian farmers and the global community regarding food sovereignty. Focusing on the opinion of the farmers, this study joins other existing works that give voice to the people whose roles are critical in the chain of food supply in the country.

Our selection of articles for this issue embraces Makara Human Behavior Studies in Asia's (Hubs-Asia's) spirit as a multidisciplinary academic journal. It is our hope that this journal can continue to be a "hub" for studies on human behavior in Asian contexts from different scientific fields and methodological approaches.

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