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Message from the Managing Editor of Makara Human Behavior Studies in Asia July 2018 Edition

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Dear readers,

As my first edition of Makara Human Behavior Studies in Asia that I manage, I am excited to discuss six interesting articles that I have handpicked for this July 2018 edition. In the first article Arjadi et al (2018a) discuss the potential of using an Internet-Based psychological therapy in Indonesia for a prevalent and well-known mental disorder called depression. Here they explain how they come up with the Guided Act and Feel Indonesia intervention. The intervention is shown to be effective in an article that is just published earlier this month in the *Lancet Psychiatry* (Arjadi et al., 2018b).

In the second article Renanita and Setiawan (2018) discuss about marriage satisfaction in Indonesia in relation to the status of employment of the wives. This is a timely relevant topic in Indonesia because we have increasing numbers of non-stay-at-home mothers. Then, we have another timely topic in the third article. Here Soon Aun Tan (2018) discusses the role of self-esteem as a potential mediator of the relationship between perceived discrimination and suicide in homosexual population. Subsequently, in the fourth article Natalya and Purwanto (2018) studied the validation of a new scale in Indonesian called Academic Motivation Scale.

In the fifth article Mulyaningsih, Purwaningsih and Anggun (2018) estimate the economic significance of housewives' role. In the age of increasing numbers of non-stay-at-home mothers, it becomes imperative to calculate the economic contribution of those who stay at home. Because status of employment of the wives is directly related to marriage satisfaction, as shown by Renanita and Setiawan (2018).

Lastly, in the sixth article Ningdyah, Greenwood and Kidd (2018) discuss some potential problems of the quality of Indonesia's professional psychology programs, and offer a scale as a solution. This scale has potential to be used as evidence of compliance or non-compliance of Indonesia's professional psychology programs to international accepted standard.

I hope that you enjoy reading our six articles as we have enjoyed in editing and reviewing them.

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Managing Editor of July 2018 Edition

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