A Note from Handling Editor.

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In this 2020 of July issue, we publish nine articles on various topics. There are several researchers from Indonesia, Malaysia, and the United Kingdom. I am glad to report a summary of the articles published on this issue.

However, before that, I would like to express my gratitude to the editor-in-chief (Edo S. Jaya) and past editor-in-chief (Corina D. Riantoputra), who have given me the opportunity to become a new managing editor of this journal. My journey in this journal started in 2016 when I was a master and doctoral student at the Faculty of Psychology, Universitas Indonesia. At that time, I was a staff administrator, and from that, I got important experiences to understand the flow of scientific article publication. After completing the doctoral program last year, I officially had a prestigious opportunity to contribute to this journal as a managing editor. With the board editors, I commit to increase the quality of the articles and strive to make this journal as one of Asia’s best journals in the disciplines of human behavior.

At the beginning of my duty as a new managing editor and the managing editor of this issue, I will briefly discuss the nine published articles in this issue.

Overview of the published article in July 2020. We have five articles from international authors and four articles from national authors. The first two articles are on adolescent life. The article from Muttaqin (2020) discussed how the cultural orientation constructed the Indonesian adolescent identity. Meanwhile, Cong, Aik, Rabbani, and Ni (2020) showed that social anxiety in Malaysian adolescents was not predicted by parenting style.

We also have two articles related to the psychosocial topic; Prawira and Sukmaningrum (2020) found that the stigma of suicide predicted intentions to seek help (formal and informal) among undergraduate students in Jakarta, Indonesia. On the other hand, Gang, Yaacob, Tan, and Juhari (2020) showed that parental autonomy support has a significant role in the psychosocial development of Malaysian children, such as behavioral difficulties, emotions, and peer relationships.

In addition to adolescent and children topics, we add an article about the elderly in this issue. Ooi, Siah, and Low (2020) illustrated the intention to use social network sites (SNS) through Technology Acceptance Model and Reasoned Action Approach on older Chinese in Malaysia. Ooi and colleagues’ study found the role of subjective norm on intention to use SNS.

Article from Meng and Berezina (2020) is about personality and political behavior. The study reported that personality trait of extraversion reduced political apathy. The authors also found that intellect has a negative correlation with political apathy.

While these six articles on this issue based their findings on correlational research, the next three articles add methodological variations by utilizing experiments, qualitative research, and psychometric study. Arbiyah, Ardiningtyas, Widodo, Safitri, and Nurcahyati (2020), through experimental study, examined the effect of hoax news exposure on semantic memory. While in a qualitative approach, Siah et al. (2020) explained the challenges experienced by refugee teachers from community-based education centers in Malaysia.

And lastly, psychometric study also complements this issue. Surijah and Kirana (2020) restructured the Five Love Languages Scale from five original components into four components in Indonesian sample. They proposed combining Receiving Gift and Acts of Service factors into the ‘Sacrificial Love’ component.

I hope several articles in this issue provide practical benefits for people in Asia, and stimulate further human research in Asia. Of course, we are very much looking forward to other recent empirical findings from Asian researchers to submit their articles in Makara Human Behavior Studies in Asia. Happy reading and stay healthy!

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