## **EDITORIAL**

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Bismillahirrahman Rahim

Alhamdulillah,

All praise to Allah, who alone has enabled us to continue our life and efforts for good, salawat and salaams on the last prophet, Muhammad, whose footsteps we will follow till the end of time.

Alhamdulillah,

We are pleased to have had this year's IMAM Symposium 2020 on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020, which also marked IMAM's 30th Anniversary. We were initially proposed to meet in September but due to the COVID-19 outbreak it had to be postponed.

This year is a truncated meeting, only for a day in contrast to our usual joyful three days, and we will also have our Bi-Annual General Meeting, in which a new Executive Committee were voted, and got updated regarding our activities the past two years.

This symposium provided a platform for learning and discussing how the COVID-19 pandemic has brought together people from all walks of life to help one another and creative ways of how we have managed thus far. How we manage the pandemic to move forward, and how we educate children to embrace the new norm. We have reached out to prominent personalities in the fight against COVID-19 to address us in this symposium, to share with us their experiences in facing this global pandemic. IMAM, through its emergency response efforts, mobilised through IMARET have also been deeply involved in managing the situation locally, and to a certain extent also, regionally.

Additionally, we have invited ePoster presentations from participants, to share with us COVID-19, as well as non-COVID-19 related medical matters.

We hope that the symposium has benefited all who participated, and that the abstracts presented here may be of further use to many out there. The recorded sessions may be viewed at this link: <a href="https://www.asc2020.imamalaysia.org/">https://www.asc2020.imamalaysia.org/</a>.

Salam and keep safe.

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