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Embracing Innovation and Discourse: A Message from the Rector



Esteemed colleagues, students, and friends of UiTM Kedah Branch,

I am pleased to announce the launch of the second edition of the **RMU4U E-Bulletin**. This publication showcases the intellectual energy and a wide range of expertise that have bloomed within our esteemed university.

The 38 articles presented in this issue exemplify a remarkable spectrum of scholarly inquiry. From insightful legal studies to captivating cultural reflections, from thought-provoking discussions on business and finance to explorations of the ever-evolving technological landscape, the **RMU4U E-Bulletin** offers a glimpse into the minds that are shaping the future. This e-bulletin is more than just a collection of articles; it is a platform for discourse, a springboard for critical thinking, and a catalyst for innovation. By engaging with the diverse perspectives presented here, we can cultivate a deeper understanding of the complex issues facing our world today.

I am particularly heartened by the focus on the transformative power of technology. Discussions on Industrial Revolution 5.0 and the integration of AI serve as crucial reminders of the need to embrace innovation and equip ourselves with the skills to navigate the rapidly changing landscape. The articles on learning methodologies, from self-directed learning to mobile-assisted language acquisition, further underscore UiTM Kedah's commitment to providing our students with the tools and resources they need to thrive in the 21st century.

To our esteemed contributors, I extend my sincere gratitude for sharing your valuable insights and expertise. Your dedication is what fuels the intellectual engine of our university.

To our readers, I encourage you to delve into the articles, engage with the ideas presented, and later share your perspectives. Let this e-bulletin be the spark that ignites lively dialogues and fosters a culture of continuous learning within our university community.

Together, let us leverage the power of knowledge and innovation to shape a brighter future.

Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Rohima Saad

Rector, UiTM Kedah



A Message from the Chief Editor

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the second issue of the RMU4U E-Bulletin from UiTM Kedah. I am excited to present 38 insightful articles that showcase the diverse academic interests and expertise within our university. Each article brings a unique perspective, contributing to a rich array of knowledge and ideas.

In this issue, our contributors have explored a wide range of subjects. We have compelling legal studies on topics such as home-schooling and child marriage, alongside cultural reflections that delve into the Semai heritage and contemporary Malaysian art. These pieces highlight the importance of preserving and understanding our cultural and societal norms.

Our business and finance section offers fresh insights into the gig economy, the integration of AI in accounting, and the nuances of tax compliance. These articles provide a closer look at the evolving economic landscape and the challenges and opportunities it presents.



Technological innovation is another prominent theme, with discussions on Industrial Revolution 5.0, the critical role of information professionals, and the integration of AI in education. These articles underscore the rapid pace of technological change and its impact on various sectors.

We also feature thought-provoking pieces on self-directed learning, mobile-assisted English learning, and the transformative power of social media in libraries. These articles explore the intersections of technology, education, and communication, offering valuable insights into modern learning environments. Our goal with this e-bulletin is to foster a deeper understanding and spark meaningful conversations among our readers. We hope that the knowledge and ideas shared here will inspire and engage you.

A heartfelt thank you to all our contributors for their hard work and dedication. And to our readers, thank you for your continued support and interest in the RMU4U E-Bulletin.

Happy reading!
Warm regards,

Dr Azyyati Anuar
Chief Editor, RMU4U E-Bulletin



ENHANCING BOARD NETWORKING AND DIVERSITY FOR SUSTAINABLE SHARIAH COMPLIANCE WITH RISK MANAGEMENT



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Recently, several studies have been done to look into how networking and diversity among board directors affect the long-term success of Shariah-compliant businesses. These studies also examine how the risk management group can act as a balancing force. It is still unclear what effect director networks and diversity have on the long-term sustainability of organizations, both in terms of their financial success and their non-financial aspects.

Directors are very important because they come up with and oversee methods, and they have a big effect on the strategic management process. It is crucial for the overall structure of a company that the board of directors maintain both formal and informal relationships. Both internal and external information are needed for these ties to work, and can be used strategically to help the company achieve its goals. Being able to clearly understand these rules is very important, especially for groups that follow Shariah Compliance and follow Shariah rules.

Additionally, companies that follow Shariah rules must stick to a specific set of steps including the Shariah screening threshold, or risk being taken off the list of Shariah-compliant counters. With careful study and personal experience, one may begin to wonder how much the demographics of a company's board members affect how well

the company performs. Directors' demographic profiles give them benefits that help them reach their full potential and perform their roles as supervisors and advisors more effectively.

Along with these demographic factors, other things should be considered, like the directors' ties. Network effects are indirectly influenced by directors who have a lot of contacts and have worked for many different companies in the past. Directors often change the rules for running a business to align with those of their colleagues with whom they are connected. If the ideals of corporate governance are not in line with each other, it can harm all stakeholders and damage the company's long-term credibility.

When directors use their connections for personal gain, they create conflicts of interest. Individuals operating within this corporate style may be more likely to act in their own self-interest. This means leaders might use their business connections for personal gain instead of doing what's best for the company. These changing factors make it even more important to look at the complicated connection between the networks of directors and the rules of corporate governance, especially in companies that follow Shariah law.



The Risk Management Committee is also in charge of keeping an eye on the choices made by the board of directors and giving advice on how the business should run. Operations must adhere to the rules and guidelines set by the Securities Commission's Shariah Committee. A study was done to find out more about the structure and growth of official and informal networks in Malaysia, as well as the types of people who serve as directors in public companies that follow Shariah law.

Because of this, it is very important to make sure that these networks are linked to the long-term growth of businesses that follow Shariah law. For this reason, it is essential to ensure they are sustainable and adhere to good business practices. Additionally, it is important to examine how the inclusion of the Risk Management Committee has altered these connections to meet the company's current needs and ensure long-term success. A new study is important for people who study how companies are run in a Shariah-based way. Also, it might change the Islamic capital market, which could be good for businesspeople, politicians, stakeholders, and other interested people.

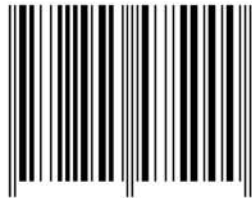
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