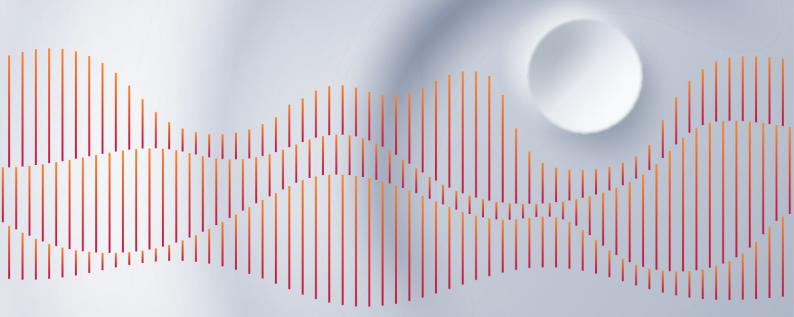


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#### **PREFACE**

iTAC or International Teaching Aid Competition 2023 was a venue for academicians, researchers, industries, junior and young inventors to showcase their innovative ideas not only in the teaching and learning sphere but also in other numerous disciplines of study. This competition was organised by the Special Interest Group, Public Interest Centre of Excellence (SIG PICE) UiTM Kedah Branch, Malaysia. Its main aim was to promote the production of innovative ideas among academicians, students and also the public at large.

In accordance with the theme "Reconnoitering Innovative Ideas in Post-normal Times", the development of novel ideas from the perspectives of interdisciplinary innovations is more compelling today, especially in the post-covid 19 times. Post-pandemic initiatives are the most relevant in the current world to adapt to new ways of doing things and all these surely require networking and collaboration. Rising to the occasion, iTAC 2023 has managed to attract more than 267 participations for all categories. The staggering number of submissions has proven the relevance of this competition to the academic world and beyond in urging the culture of innovating ideas.

iTAC 2023 committee would like to thank all creative participants for showcasing their innovative ideas with us. As expected in any competition, there will be those who win and those who lose. Congratulations to all the award recipients (Diamond, Gold, Silver and Bronze) for their winning entries. Those who did not make the cut this year can always improve and join us again later.

It is hoped that iTAC 2023 has been a worthy platform for all participating innovators who have shown ingenious efforts in their products and ideas. This compilation of extended abstracts published as iTAC 2023 E-Proceedings contains insights into what current researchers, both experienced and novice, find important and relevant in the post-normal times.

Best regards,

iTAC 2023 Committee Special Interest Group, Public Interest Centre of Excellence (SIG PICE) UiTM Kedah Branch Malaysia

# FINSMART: WEBSITE FOR BETTER FINANCIAL PLANNING AMONG INDIVIDUALS

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## **ABSTRACT**

FinSmart is a financial website that offers several interactive and interesting functions that are particularly created to assist working individuals who are too busy to manage their financial planning. FinSmart website consists of several number of formulas on how individuals make proper control and calculation on financial plan and strategy. Presently, many individuals are failing to have a plan when it comes to personal financing. They only have a limited amount of money and use it as much as possible without thinking about the future. Therefore, individuals must plan wisely what they will do with it. Financial planning serves as a roadmap for achieving one's life goals and provides a step-by-step method. It makes it easier for you to manage your income, expenses, and assets. The goal of this website is to reduce the stress associated with financial planning for individuals. Individuals may quickly generate the items they want to include in their financial planning by using the computation, formula, and instructions that have been provided on the website. This website can reduce time and savings money and provide more information. It will save individuals time and create long term connections. As a result, it can indirectly benefit society in a modern way. They can access all



these functions via laptop and smartphone where it can be used anytime and anywhere. The community might get the benefit from this initiative that provides comprehensive financial guidance. It would also encourage and motivate the community as well to advance their practice in proper financial plan. Besides, it is also considered to be a ground-breaking initiative in recognizing qualitative distinction in personal finance.

**Keywords:** financial website, control, ease, planning, modern

#### INTRODUCTION

Although people presently have a lot more money than they had in prior generations, financial professionals agree that understanding about how to handle money has not been updated (Fogarty, 2012). Every individual should take responsibility for organizing, managing, and putting their finances into action. They need to understand how to manage their finances. Some individuals may not know how to calculate their profit or loss, simple interest, compound interest, loan, and net income. Without a proper knowledge of how to calculate all of this, they cannot accurately manage their finances, and this leads to wrong financial management. As a solution, FinSmart website has been developed in which the purpose of this website is to help the individual or community to easily handle their financial for a better life and future. Through the development of this website, it offers several financial formulas, and the users just need to put the amount based on their financial information. Besides, it also offers interactive experience for the users to play interesting games that help the users to improve their skill in managing their finances. The devices that users need to use in order to access this website are via a laptop or smartphone and you may enjoy exploring several interesting functions that have been provided on the website at anytime and anywhere.

#### PROBLEM STATEMENT

The impacts of the present economic crisis are making life increasingly challenging. Following the global economic instability that has an impact on the national economy, the cost of living has changed as a result of the current financial crisis (Ahmad et al., 2022). In Malaysia, adults between the ages of 18 and 35 make up more than 47% of those who are deeply indebted as a result of living expensive lives that go beyond their means. Poor financial planning and financial literacy lead to people accumulating large debt, which can lead to bankruptcy, divorce, pressure from the law, and personal dissatisfaction (Reid, 2003).

Presently, many individuals particularly are busy with their work and study, which leads them to have constraint of time to handle their finances. Moreover, there are also some individuals that may not know how to calculate their financial and that makes them have no interest in



managing their own financial. According to Lusardi and Mitchell (2009), people nowadays especially younger generation typically has poor levels of financial knowledge. Hence, they prefer to pay professional financial advisor to manage their finances, but it will increase their expenses. However, they can reduce their expenses in handling and controlling their finances by increasing their financial knowledge. Therefore, FinSmart has been developed in order to assist and guide individuals via several interactive and interesting functions that help them to appropriately plan their finances.

## **OBJECTIVE**

The main objective of the FinSmart website is to reduce the stress associated with financial planning for individuals. Individuals, especially working adults must be busy until they do not have much time to manage their finances for their security financial in the future. Therefore, this website may help assist them in quickly generating the items they want to include in their financial planning by using the computation, formula and instructions that have been provided on the website. This website also can reduce time, save money and provide more information as it just needs your gadget to access the website.

#### **NOVELTY**

FinSmart has several unique functions compared to other financial websites that available in the market such as FnCalculator. FnCalculator only provides a general calculation because it has many categories that create difficulty for the individuals to use it and usually most of the individuals prefer to surf the financial website that is convenience for them to use and understand. Furthermore, this website is also too formal and lacks the appeal that can attract individuals to use it. The uniqueness of the FinSmart website is it provides specific calculations that are simple and easy to use such as calculating the profit and loss, interest, compound interest, loan EMI as well as net income. In addition, this website also provides some interesting and interactive games that can be played while browsing this website so it does not become boring because having games that can be attractive to individuals and interesting to play.

## **BENEFITS TO SOCIETY**

The innovation of this financial website promotes problem solving and deliver creative insight in finance matter that can support and help the society to increase knowledge in financial management. Apart from that, people might get the benefit from this initiative since this financial website provides comprehensive financial guidance. It also directly or indirectly helps to encourage and motivate the people as well to advance their practice in proper



financial plan.

# **COMMERCIALIZATION POTENTIAL**

FinSmart website is very useful creation that can help to increase financial management knowledge via new technology application. This website has high potential to be commercialized among individuals especially working adults and teenagers. Besides, this website also can be promoted to be used among university or college students who are usually have problem to manage their finance appropriately

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