Foreword

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Since its establishment as Malaysia’s sixteenth Public University on February 16, 2002, Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) has gone through tremendous transformation, guided by the culture of excellence which is value-based, strategy-focused and performance driven. While organizational performance in the identified strategic areas tops the management’s priorities, special attention is also given to the aspects of transparency and accountability in accordance to UMP’s own Core Values namely, Strong Bond with the Creator, Steadfast in Holding Shared Principles, Creative in Making Wise Decision, Resolute in Facing Challenges and Proactive in Taking Actions.

With that commitment, the management is not only determined to maintain high level of compliance towards best practices of governance principles, but particular emphasis is also given to strengthening UMP’s interdisciplinary research capacity in integrity-related issues from various perspectives, a challenge that requires proactive participation from the intellectual community of this University. The establishment of the Centre of Governance and Integrity at UMP’s Faculty of Industrial Management is another strategic move to enhance the University’s capability in spearheading relevant research on contemporary governance and integrity issues. In this regard, multidisciplinary research of the aforementioned dimensions should be encouraged and the findings from the diverse approaches – accounting, finance, banking, information technology, informatics, law, philosophy, history and others with high academic value deserve specific intellectual avenue for reference and review purposes, and UMP’s own Journal of Governance and Integrity (JGI) is one of the platforms available for that matter.

It is my hope that the articles published in JGI would stimulate high intellectual interest from the public towards the problems presented, the issues discussed and the solutions proposed, not only for the sake of academic discourse, but more importantly, the journal’s impactful and significant contribution towards sustaining a healthy governance and integrity culture at all societal levels, both locally and globally.

Therefore, I congratulate the editorial team from UMP’s Faculty of Industrial Management for the publication of this inaugural issue of JGI.

Thank you.

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