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FOREWORD

Praise is due to Allah SWT, The Most Gracious and Most Merciful. Peace and Prayer be upon His Messenger Prophet Muhammad SAW

First and foremost, I would like to extend my gratitude and appreciation to the editors and writers of "The Development Of Economics And Muamalat Practices" for their effort and contributions in making the publication of this book a triumph. The publication of the book in conjunction with the renaming of Kolej Universiti Islam Malaysia (KUIM) to Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) is parallel to the university’s effort to augment the university publications with multiple areas of knowledge.

The topics of the articles discussed in this book are very attractive since they comprise of important aspects of economics and muamalat practices. Such issues are always being discussed and analysed in many seminars, conferences and even in daily life. It is the anticipation of this book that the articles will be modest contributions and references as parts of the solution of current issues. Apart from the contents, the presentation of the book is also enhanced as it considers readers with different language capabilities. The articles in the book are written in English and Malay language according to the writers and content appropriateness.

Finally, it is my greatest hope that the readers of this book will benefit fully from the content discussion. Sincerely, may all the worthy efforts and commitment demonstrated to ensure the publication of this book in conjunction with the renaming of Kolej Universiti Islam Malaysia (KUIM) to Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) be a success that will be blessed by Allah SWT.

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PREFACE

The collection of essays is the collective effort of a team of editors for this special publication in conjunction with the renaming of Kolej Universiti Islam Malaysia (KUIM) to Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM). The editors would like to express their gratitude and to congratulate the authors of all the articles for their contribution based on their experiences and expertise in the field of Economics and Muamalat. It has been a very interesting and challenging task to edit articles which are original, perceptive, and rich with information and knowledge but the editors managed to complete the task within the time frame given.

The main objective of this book is to furnish the public with information on the development of Economics and Muamalat practices. All in all, the information and discussion provided are not limited to issues in Malaysia but also revolves around a more global spectrum. The issues embedded in the articles are suitable for general public who wants to know more about the fundamental concept and development of zakat, corporate governance and corporate social responsibilities, takaful, halal branding, wakaf and also the implementation of Islamic banking system in Malaysia.

Hopefully the readers will find that the articles in this book will contribute to the enrichment of knowledge that will in turn, help in promoting a strong ummah, which can also serve as a model for other nations to follow.

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The fields of economics and Muamalat influence our daily life from many angles. By incorporating that into consideration, the editorial team for this special occasion of renaming KUIM to USIM has come up with a collection of articles that cover the area zakat, corporate governance and corporate social responsibilities, takaful, halal branding, wakaf and also the implementation of Islamic banking system in Malaysia. These articles are the results of relentless effort thrown in by USIM's lecturers.

The publication of this book is timely since it discusses relevant and current topics that could be applied in our daily life. The readers may find that the topics being discussed will contribute to the enrichment of knowledge that will in turn, help in promoting a strong ummah, which can also serve as a model for other nations to follow.