

### **Note from the Editor-in-Chief**

On behalf of the Editorial Board, I am pleased to usher in this first issue of ELEKTROPIKA – The International Journal of Electrical, Electronic Engineering and Technology.

The editorial board is also elated that, what transpired over the years of planning, discussions and the dream to relinquish the existence of Technical Journal (a previous journal from the School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) since 1991) has morphed into ELEKTROPIKA. We fervently hope that this will be a full-fledged research journal of international repute over the forthcoming years. It is also our wish that amongst others, this online journal will be able to facilitate online submission from around the globe and to be able to foster global readership, thereby gaining wider audience.

In line with the theme and mission of this journal, we aspire that papers published in ELEKTROPIKA will stimulate new ventures that could spearhead solutions and provide new insights into problems faced, especially in under-privileged communities, which are suited but not limited to the tropical regions.

We greatly appreciate the efforts of the editorial team as well as the support and encouragement of Professor Mohd. Zaid Abdullah, Dean of the School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, USM, in making this first issue a reality. We also express our heartfelt gratitude to all the reviewers for their timely and in-depth reviews. Last but not least, we would like to thank all the authors who had put in such great efforts in writing their papers and the time spent in revising each paper again in time for this issue.

I would therefore end this note with a quote worth pondering. The words are from none other than the great scholar, printer, statesman, author and researcher, who incidentally paved the way for the impactful discovery of the relationship between lightning and various theories on electricity as well as a host of other innovations:

*“If you would not be forgotten, as soon as you are dead and rotten, either write things worth reading or do things worth the writing.”*

*~Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)*

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