
Editorial

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The papers published in this *IJEPEE* special issue were presented at the SIBR-UniKL 2015 Conference on Interdisciplinary Business and Economic Research, which was held on February 16–17, 2015, at the Federal Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The conference was jointly organised by The Society of Interdisciplinary Business Research and The Universiti Kuala Lumpur Business School. The conference theme was ‘Interdisciplinary knowledge advancement: past experience and future agenda’.

The papers appearing in this special issue were peer reviewed following the procedure outlined as follows. The guest editors initially evaluated all manuscripts nominated for the special issues. Papers rejected at this stage were outside the aims and scope of the journal or were insufficiently original. Papers that met the minimum criteria were forwarded to an expert for further review. This special issue employed double blind reviewing, where both the referee and author(s) remained anonymous throughout the process.

This *IJEPEE* special issue strives to stimulate cross-disciplinary interest in industrial efficiency, demography and poverty in fast-growing economies. Specifically, using firm-level data from China’s manufacturing sector, Xiang Zou and Che Hashim Hassan studied the impacts of enterprise risk management (ERM) on organisational performance. Using survey-based data in Indonesia, Meirani Harsasi and Minrohayati found that supply chain management and supply chain responsiveness could be major sources of competitive advantage. With special reference to Indonesia’s garment industry, Akhmad Yunani attempted to explain how collaboration and business process affect firms’ competitiveness and supply chain performance. Moreover, the article by Ji-Hyun Oh et al. is focused on legal and policy implications associated with the mass retirement of the baby boom generation in Korea. In addition, Andhika P. Herlambang et al. investigated the causes of the poverty cycle devastating Indonesian fisherman households and suggested strategies for poverty reduction. Finally, Dwi Budi Santoso et al. examined the effectiveness of a grant program in empowering village community and identified major challenges. The emergence and development of the above interdisciplinary business and economic issues is well-celebrated throughout this thematic issue.