Preface

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The recent challenge of the emerging markets calls for not only new approaches but also the investigation and development of management discipline based on changes in practices and expectations from diverse stakeholders surrounding business and public organisations. The aim of this special issue is to provide an outlet for papers discussing topics on how to manage financial and investment opportunities in emerging markets. Papers for this special issue are selected from International Conference on Management in Emerging Markets (ICMEM) 2016 in Bali on 10–12 August 2016 organised by the School of Business and Management Institut Teknologi Bandug in collaboration with Universiti Utara Malaysia and Naresuan University (Thailand).

In the 'The effect of audit committee characteristics on earnings management: the case of Indonesia', Setiawan et al. investigate the effectiveness of audit committees in mitigating earnings management in the context of Indonesia. Results show that female member(s) of audit committee mitigate earnings management.

The paper 'Relationship between debt maturity and IPO: the case of Indonesian firms', by Andriana and Nainggolan, examines whether the choice of debt maturity has an important role in macroeconomic conditions in emerging markets. They find that companies choose to issue debt with longer maturity post-IPO because it would be more accessible and beneficial for the newly listed firms.

The third paper, by Firmialy and Adhiutama, examines the leveraging effect of gender diversity, specifically women directors on the Board (WDB), on the relationship between research and development (R&D) investment and financial performance. The study reveals that firms with higher WDB and that are more focused on their R&D investment activities, will be able to generate better financial performance than those firms with less gender diversity and R&D investments. This paper contributes to the limited literature on R&D investment in Indonesia.

In the final paper, 'Should Indonesia adopt a basket currency regime?', Prasetyo et al. aim to provide an arrangement for optimal basket weights of Indonesian currency basket to minimise GDP volatility as well as exchange rate volatility. They find that the weight currencies in the free-float regime would reflect the trade intensities, suggesting that the government should monitor the change of exchange rates of currencies in the foreign reserves and change the weight accordingly.