
Editorial

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The papers included in this special issue represent a selection of extended contributions presented at the 1st Scientia Academia Conference on Management, Entrepreneurship, and Social Sciences (SAC-MESS) held in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia, in April 2019. This year, 376 delegates from 25 countries presented their research papers in SAC-MESS 2019. Only selected articles related to the sustainable SMEs' perspectives after highly rigorous peer review were accepted for publication in this special issue. The main objective of the special issue is to document recent trends in business and management perspectives for sustainable SMEs'.

This special issue is aimed at practitioners, researchers, and postgraduate students who are engaged in developing and applying advanced principles to solve real-world problems. The special issue invited scholarly research, methodological articles, review papers, case studies, devoted to important topics falling within the scope of the special issue. The final selection of the articles after peer review can be classified into two major research streams. The first stream of the articles is focused on the 'wealth creation in emerging markets. The second stream of research included in this special issue is focused on the 'business excellence models'. We hope readers will like the special issue in terms of its contribution to the body of knowledge.

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