

## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

On behalf of the editorial board of the Malaysian Journal of International Relations (MJIR) and my colleagues, it is a privilege to publish Volume 6 of the MJIR. Readers who are familiar with prior volumes of the journal will notice that the MJIR has a different look and a new web where we are now adopting the online submission system. The Department of International and Strategic Studies launched its inaugural issue of its annual publication, the MJIR in 2013 under the leadership of Associate Professor Dr. Jatswan S. Sidhu until 2017. The efforts of various people in the editorial board smoothed the editorial transition and made this publication possible. We are deeply grateful and truly appreciate their founding works and their confidence in us to continue the journey. We are also thankful for the efforts of reviewers who took time from their busy schedules to provide valuable feedbacks to the contributions we received.

With this, we continue to welcome original contributions related to international relations, foreign policy, diplomacy, political science, international political economy, strategic and security studies, and related fields in our journal. Along these lines, the MJIR continues its aims to promote scholarly research on international relations and strategic studies, to provide a channel for the publication of articles based on research, original thoughts, and commentaries on these topics, and to stimulate further debates and interests in the study of international relations.

2018 was a significant year for Malaysia nationally, regionally and internationally. It was the first time we witnessed the change of government and this has also brought changes in our foreign policy and international relations. With this, we decided to publish the address by Prime Minister Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad to the United Nations General Assembly on September 28 for the first time since he re-assumed the premiership following the May 9 general election. We hope that you find Volume 6 valuable; and we hope you will consider submitting your work to our journal. We thank you for your continuous support and welcome your feedbacks for us to further improve the journal in future volumes.

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