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Horizon JHSSR's Expanding Global Network of Strategic Academic Partnerships

Advancing scholarship through collaboration, connecting universities across borders, and shaping the future of global research.

In an era where the world's most pressing challenges transcend geographical boundaries, meaningful international collaboration has become the cornerstone of academic excellence and sustainable research development. Recognising that the advancement of knowledge flourishes through collective endeavour rather than institutional isolation, the **Horizon Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences Research (Horizon JHSSR)** has embraced a vision of fostering enduring global partnerships that unite universities, researchers, educators, policymakers, and scholarly communities in pursuit of a shared commitment to knowledge creation and societal progress.

Over the past two years, Horizon JHSSR has experienced remarkable international growth through a series of prestigious Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) established with distinguished universities across Malaysia, India, and Vietnam. These strategic partnerships reflect the increasing confidence placed in Horizon JHSSR as a trusted international scholarly platform dedicated to advancing interdisciplinary research, scholarly publishing, academic innovation, and global knowledge exchange.

Far more than ceremonial agreements, these Memoranda of Understanding represent long-term commitments to building sustainable academic ecosystems that encourage collaborative research, faculty engagement, scholarly publishing, editorial cooperation, academic mobility,

research capacity building, and the dissemination of impactful knowledge across national and cultural boundaries. Collectively, they demonstrate a shared belief that the future of higher education depends upon openness, cooperation, and the free exchange of ideas among institutions committed to excellence.

The journey commenced with the signing of Horizon JHSSR's inaugural strategic partnership with **Infrastructure University Kuala Lumpur (IUKL), Malaysia**, on **15 August 2024**, marking the beginning of a new chapter in the Journal's internationalisation strategy. This landmark collaboration established a comprehensive framework for joint research initiatives, conference publications, editorial cooperation, academic writing workshops, and scholarly capacity building, creating a model that would subsequently inspire future institutional partnerships.

Building upon this momentum, Horizon JHSSR continued to strengthen its international academic presence through a Memorandum of Understanding with **GlobalNxt University, Malaysia**, signed on **26 June 2025**. United by a shared vision of educational innovation, digital transformation, and globally connected scholarship, both institutions committed themselves to expanding opportunities for collaborative research, international academic engagement, and scholarly communication in an increasingly interconnected world.

The Journal's growing reputation subsequently attracted collaboration with one of India's most respected agricultural universities. In **October 2025**, Horizon JHSSR formalised a strategic partnership with **Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana, India**, extending its collaborative network into one of South Asia's leading centres of agricultural research, sustainability, rural development, and multidisciplinary scholarship. This partnership further broadened Horizon JHSSR's interdisciplinary reach while reinforcing its commitment to supporting research that addresses contemporary global challenges through innovation and evidence-based inquiry.

The international momentum continued with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with **UNITAR University College, Kuala Lumpur**, on **2 September 2025**. This collaboration further strengthened Horizon JHSSR's engagement with Malaysia's higher education landscape by promoting collaborative publishing initiatives, editorial participation, academic writing development, research dissemination, and professional capacity-building programmes designed to support emerging scholars and experienced researchers alike.

A significant milestone followed with the establishment of a strategic partnership with **UNITAR International University, Malaysia**, on **1 July 2026**. This collaboration reflects a shared commitment to advancing flexible, globally connected education and strengthening international scholarly communication through innovative approaches to research collaboration, publishing excellence, and academic leadership. Together, both institutions aspire to cultivate new

opportunities that empower researchers, enhance global visibility, and contribute meaningfully to international academic discourse.

The Journal's expanding international footprint reached another important milestone on **9 July 2026**, with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with **Chaudhary Devi Lal University (CDLU), Sirsa, Haryana, India**. This partnership reinforces a shared commitment to interdisciplinary research, faculty engagement, scholarly publishing, professional development, and the promotion of academic excellence through collaborative initiatives that benefit both institutions and the wider research community.

Only days later, on **13 July 2026**, Horizon JHSSR entered into another landmark partnership with the **Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM), Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India**. The virtual signing ceremony represented more than the establishment of another institutional collaboration; it symbolised a shared vision for the future of higher education founded upon research excellence, responsible innovation, ethical application of Artificial Intelligence, interdisciplinary scholarship, and sustainable international cooperation. This agreement further consolidated Horizon JHSSR's growing reputation as a catalyst for global academic engagement and scholarly advancement.

Looking ahead, Horizon JHSSR is preparing to welcome another distinguished academic partner through an ongoing Memorandum of Understanding with the **Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Viet Nam National University, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam**. Once formalised, this partnership will further strengthen regional collaboration across Southeast Asia by promoting intercultural research, international conferences, editorial cooperation, scholarly publishing, academic exchange, and multidisciplinary research initiatives that celebrate the diversity of Asian scholarship while contributing to global academic dialogue.

Collectively, these strategic collaborations signify much more than institutional agreements. They reflect Horizon JHSSR's unwavering commitment to nurturing a vibrant international community of scholars dedicated to advancing research that is ethical, inclusive, innovative, and globally relevant. Through these partnerships, the Journal continues to facilitate the exchange of knowledge across disciplines, cultures, and continents while providing researchers with a trusted platform for scholarly communication, academic excellence, and meaningful international engagement.

Today, Horizon JHSSR proudly stands as an internationally recognised open-access, peer-reviewed journal that continues to connect universities, researchers, editors, and academic leaders through partnerships founded upon mutual respect, shared aspirations, and an enduring commitment to research excellence. As the Journal expands its global academic network, it

remains steadfast in its mission to empower researchers, inspire innovation, and contribute to the advancement of the humanities and social sciences for the benefit of society worldwide.

The journey has only just begun. Every partnership established by Horizon JHSSR represents another bridge connecting institutions, another opportunity for collaborative discovery, and another step towards a future in which knowledge knows no borders. Together with its esteemed university partners across the world, Horizon JHSSR continues to transform ideas into impact, research into progress, and international collaboration into a lasting legacy of scholarly excellence.

 **Together, we build bridges of knowledge. Together, we inspire research. Together, we shape the future of global scholarship. ☀**