



A Strategic Alliance for Academic Excellence ✨

UNITAR University College and Horizon JHSSR Forge a Landmark Partnership to Advance Research, Scholarly Publishing, and Global Academic Leadership

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The Horizon Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences Research (Horizon JHSSR), published by Beyond Proofreading Services (Malaysia), proudly announces the signing of a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **UNITAR University College (UUCKL), Kuala Lumpur**, on **2 September 2025**, marking another significant milestone in the Journal's continuing mission to strengthen international academic cooperation and scholarly excellence.

The collaboration brings together two institutions united by a shared conviction that research, innovation, and scholarly communication are fundamental drivers of sustainable societal development. More than a formal institutional agreement, the Memorandum of Understanding establishes a comprehensive strategic framework through which Horizon JHSSR and UNITAR University College will jointly cultivate an environment that promotes intellectual inquiry, interdisciplinary collaboration, ethical scholarly publishing, and academic capacity building for researchers, educators, and students alike.

As one of Malaysia's progressive higher education institutions, UNITAR University College has consistently demonstrated its commitment to delivering quality education, industry relevance, and research-informed teaching across a broad spectrum of academic disciplines. This philosophy aligns seamlessly with Horizon JHSSR's mission of providing an internationally respected, peer-reviewed, open-access platform dedicated to advancing the humanities and social sciences through rigorous scholarship, responsible publishing practices, and global dissemination of knowledge.

The Memorandum of Understanding creates an extensive platform for future cooperation encompassing collaborative research initiatives, thematic journal publications, conference proceedings, editorial board participation, peer-review engagement, academic writing workshops, scholarly publishing training, faculty exchange, student publishing opportunities, and the co-organisation of conferences, seminars, and professional development programmes. These initiatives are designed to strengthen research quality while expanding opportunities for Malaysian scholars to engage more actively with the international academic community.

A distinguishing feature of this partnership is its emphasis on developing research capability at every stage of the academic journey. By combining UNITAR University College's educational expertise with Horizon JHSSR's international publishing experience, the collaboration seeks to empower academics and postgraduate researchers with the knowledge, confidence, and professional competencies necessary to produce impactful, internationally recognised research.

Beyond research publication, the partnership reflects a broader commitment to nurturing an academic culture founded upon integrity, critical thinking, interdisciplinary collaboration, and lifelong learning. Joint workshops on academic writing, peer review, editorial processes, and responsible scholarly communication will support researchers in navigating the increasingly competitive landscape of international publishing while encouraging the highest standards of academic ethics.

The collaboration also underscores the growing importance of strategic partnerships between universities and scholarly publishers in addressing contemporary global challenges. By facilitating interdisciplinary dialogue, promoting open knowledge exchange, and supporting collaborative innovation, Horizon JHSSR and UNITAR University College aspire to create meaningful opportunities that extend well beyond institutional boundaries.

For Horizon JHSSR, this partnership represents another important milestone in its internationalisation strategy. It reflects the growing confidence that respected universities place in the Journal as a trusted partner capable of supporting research excellence, enhancing academic visibility, and contributing to the global dissemination of scholarly knowledge.

Looking to the future, both institutions envision a dynamic partnership that will continue to evolve through innovative research projects, international conferences, collaborative publications, editorial cooperation, and initiatives that strengthen the academic ecosystem within Malaysia and beyond. Together, they are committed to inspiring future generations of scholars while contributing meaningfully to the advancement of knowledge for the benefit of society.

The Memorandum of Understanding between UNITAR University College and Horizon JHSSR is therefore much more than an agreement—it is a declaration of shared purpose, affirming that enduring academic excellence is achieved through collaboration, mutual respect, and the collective pursuit of knowledge.

 **Together, UNITAR University College and Horizon JHSSR reaffirm that when distinguished academic institutions and scholarly publishers unite with a common vision, they create enduring pathways for research excellence, innovation, and global scholarly impact. ☀️**