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UNITAR International University and Horizon JHSSR Establish a Prestigious Strategic Partnership to Empower Research, Innovation, and International Academic Collaboration

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The Horizon Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences Research (Horizon JHSSR), published by Beyond Proofreading Services (Malaysia), is honoured to announce the establishment of a distinguished Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **UNITAR International University (UIU), Malaysia**, signed on **1 July 2026**. This prestigious partnership represents another defining milestone in Horizon JHSSR's expanding international network of academic collaborations and reflects a shared commitment to shaping the future of higher education through research excellence, scholarly publishing, and global academic engagement.

As one of Malaysia's pioneering universities in flexible and technology-enabled education, UNITAR International University has established a reputation for delivering innovative learning opportunities that prepare graduates for leadership within an increasingly interconnected world. Horizon JHSSR similarly continues to strengthen its international standing as a respected, open-access, double peer-reviewed scholarly journal dedicated to advancing interdisciplinary research and promoting responsible scholarly communication across the humanities and social sciences.

United by complementary strengths and shared aspirations, both institutions have entered into a strategic partnership that seeks to create new opportunities for collaborative research, international scholarly publishing, editorial cooperation, academic exchange, faculty engagement, conference collaboration, and professional development. Through these initiatives, the partnership will strengthen the global visibility of research produced by both institutions while contributing to the advancement of knowledge that addresses contemporary societal challenges.

At the heart of this collaboration lies a common belief that universities and scholarly publishers must work together to cultivate vibrant international research communities capable of responding to the rapidly evolving demands of higher education. The Memorandum of Understanding therefore establishes a comprehensive framework that encourages interdisciplinary inquiry, promotes academic excellence, and supports meaningful collaboration among researchers, educators, postgraduate students, and early-career scholars.

An important dimension of this partnership is its commitment to research capacity building. Academic writing workshops, editorial mentoring, peer-review training, publication support, and

scholarly communication initiatives will provide valuable opportunities for researchers to strengthen their academic competencies while increasing the international impact and visibility of their work. Such programmes reflect both institutions' dedication to developing future research leaders capable of contributing to the global advancement of knowledge.

The collaboration further recognises that the future of scholarly communication extends beyond traditional publication models. Through innovative approaches to digital publishing, open-access dissemination, interdisciplinary networking, and international collaboration, Horizon JHSSR and UNITAR International University aspire to create a dynamic scholarly ecosystem in which research is not merely published but actively translated into meaningful societal impact.

This strategic alliance also reinforces Malaysia's growing prominence as a regional centre for higher education, research, and international academic cooperation. By bringing together one of the nation's leading universities with an internationally recognised scholarly journal, the partnership contributes to strengthening Malaysia's reputation as a hub for research innovation, knowledge exchange, and academic leadership within the global community.

For Horizon JHSSR, the Memorandum of Understanding with UNITAR International University represents another significant affirmation of the Journal's expanding international credibility and influence. It reflects increasing recognition among leading universities that scholarly publishers play an essential role in supporting research quality, enhancing international visibility, promoting ethical publishing practices, and facilitating global academic collaboration.

As both institutions look towards the future, they remain committed to transforming the aspirations embodied within this partnership into tangible academic achievements. Collaborative research projects, internationally co-hosted conferences, thematic journal issues, editorial initiatives, professional development programmes, and innovative scholarly activities will continue to strengthen the relationship while creating lasting value for researchers and academic communities worldwide.

The partnership between UNITAR International University and Horizon JHSSR exemplifies a modern vision of higher education—one that embraces innovation without compromising academic integrity, values international collaboration over institutional isolation, and recognises that the advancement of knowledge is a shared global responsibility.

 **Together, UNITAR International University and Horizon JHSSR are not simply building institutional partnerships; they are shaping an international community of scholars united by excellence, innovation, and an enduring commitment to advancing knowledge for humanity. 🌟**