

Editor's Note

I am pleased to present to you the Volume 6, 2016 issue of the International Journal of Property Sciences (IJPS).

In this issue we have four articles that provide research work in the area of housing, project management and sustainability; featuring the work conducted in Taiwan, Indonesia and Malaysia.

The first paper by Lai and Achour-Fischer (2016) provides a brief description of the use of Geographically Weighted Regression (GWR) as a better tool to value the effect of residential housing refurbishment in the City of Kaohsiung (Taiwan). The GWR results are then compared to a standard hedonic pricing estimation model applied to the same data set. It is found that any significant improvement to the urban environment will have some favourable externality impact on surrounding properties. This can be seen through the spatial price impact of housing improvement investments in the metropolitan area.

The subsequent paper by Rahadi *et.al.* (2016) addresses the issue of factors affecting housing products price in Indonesia, particularly in Jakarta Metropolitan Region, Indonesia. The study aims to validate the proposed conceptual model and influencing factors for housing products price among housing consumers. It is found that there are various preference factors for each of the housing development identified in the study and that consumers cannot afford the housing products offered at their current prices.

The next paper by Rahim *et.al.* (2016) aims to study the implementation of Life Cycle Costing (LCC) in construction, with the main focus on the design stage towards enhancing overall value for money. The relationships between the factors of LCC implementation that can contribute to projects' value were investigated. The results of this study revealed several critical factors of LCC that should be taken into account to raise awareness and promote LCC implementation at the design stage among the construction practitioners in Malaysia.

The final paper by Wan Mohamad and Ahmad (2016) provide an overview of the use of self help housing as an avenue to assist home ownership leading to the creation of sustainable community. It further attempts to uncover the responses from the rural households in Kedah (Malaysia) towards the concept of self build housing through the introduction of a simplified prefabricated system. It is found that majority of the respondents had given positive responses notwithstanding that this system introduced a new method to construct a house.

Our sincere appreciation is extended to all members of the editorial board and reviewers for their continued support and encouragement. We certainly hope that IJPS will continue in its quest of publishing scholarly research work in the area of property.

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