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EDITOR'S NOTE

It is with immense pride and gratitude that we present volume 6, number 2 of the Journal of Communication, Language and Culture. This issue marks another important milestone in the journal's journey as a platform for rigorous scholarship and meaningful intellectual exchange in the interconnected fields of communication, language, and culture.

A special highlight of this issue is the thematic section on "Artificial Intelligence in Communication, Language and Culture," edited by Asst. Prof. Dr Waralak Vongdoiwang Siricharoen of Silpakorn University, Thailand, and Dr Rani Ann Balaraman of Universiti Sains Malaysia. As artificial intelligence and digital technologies continue to transform the ways we communicate, learn, create, and engage with culture, the contributions in this thematic collection offer timely insights into both the opportunities and challenges presented by emerging AI technologies. The papers examine AI from diverse perspectives, enriching contemporary scholarly conversations and providing valuable directions for future research.

Beyond the thematic section, this issue features a rich and diverse collection of articles from researchers across 12 countries i.e. Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Spain, Thailand, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. The contributions explore a wide spectrum of topics, including social media discourse, intercultural communication, language and translation studies, digital communication, nationalism, educational communication, multimodal analysis, digital well-being, and emerging technological trends. Together, these studies demonstrate the breadth, vitality, and interdisciplinary nature of the communication, language, and cultural studies landscape.

As we celebrate the publication of this issue, we are also delighted to reflect on a remarkable achievement in JCLC's history. In June 2026, JCLC attained a Q1 ranking in the Scopus CiteScore, a significant milestone that reflects the journal's growing international standing and scholarly impact. This achievement is the result of a collective effort sustained over six years and would not have been possible without the unwavering support, trust, and dedication of many individuals and MMU.

First and foremost, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to Prof. Dato' Dr. Mazliham Mohd Su'ud, President of MMU whose vision, encouragement, and steadfast belief in the journal have been instrumental since its inception. My sincere thanks also go to Dr. Sharlene Thiagarajah, Chief Executive Officer of TM R&D, for her undivided support and confidence in the journal's mission and potential. I am equally grateful to Prof. Dr. Tan Siow Hooi, Director of MMU Press, for her invaluable guidance and commitment to strengthening the quality and reach of our publication.

I would also like to extend my deepest gratitude to our dedicated Managing Editors - Dr. Sareen Bhar Kaur and Dr. Hawa Rahmat, Editorial Board members, Associate and Co-Editors, Thematic Editors, Reviewers, and Authors. Your professionalism, expertise, commitment to scholarly excellence, and countless hours of service have shaped JCLC into the journal it is today. The rigorous peer-review process, thoughtful editorial stewardship, and high-quality research contributions have collectively strengthened the journal's reputation and impact within the academic community.

Special thanks are also due to the broader MMU and TM communities, whose support has provided the foundation for the journal's sustained growth. Their belief in the value of scholarly publishing and knowledge dissemination has enabled JCLC to expand its reach and influence over the years.

While we celebrate our achievements, we also recognise that the journey ahead continues. The rapidly evolving communication, language, and cultural landscape demand new ideas, innovative methodologies, and interdisciplinary collaboration. We remain committed to positioning JCLC as an important avenue for scholarly discourse, critical reflection, and impactful research that addresses contemporary challenges and opportunities.

As we look towards the future, we warmly invite researchers, practitioners, educators, and policymakers from around the world to continue engaging with JCLC as contributors, reviewers, readers, and collaborators. Together, we can further enhance the journal's quality, visibility, and relevance, ensuring that it remains a vibrant platform for advancing knowledge and fostering meaningful academic exchange.

On behalf of the editorial team, thank you for your continued trust, support, and contributions. We look forward to building on our shared successes and advancing JCLC to even greater heights in the years ahead. I am certain you will find this issue engaging and thought provoking, just as we the editorial team enjoyed working with the editors, reviewers and authors over the past few months as this issue took shape.

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