

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT OF THE MALAYSIAN BAR

The first edition of INSAF in 1967 started off as a newsletter for Members of the Bar. It was an experiment to attract participation and create interest in the activities of the Bar Council. This experiment ballooned in significance and impact as it served as a platform for Members of the Bar to pen their thoughts and opinions.

The wisdom and experience contained in past issues of INSAF still held in high regard by many among us, myself included continues to spearhead the development of legal writing in our nation. Ever since its last publication in 2008, the Bar Council has been looking for the right opportunity to re-launch INSAF. As fate would have it, the opportune moment to revive INSAF came in 2019 in the form of collaboration with one of the top universities in the country: the International Islamic University Malaysia (“IIUM”).

The Bar Council recognises the important role of this journal in paving the way for a dynamic and resilient Bar. It will be a repository where our knowledge and argumentative rigour are effectively applied and disseminated.

We believe that through this synergistic collaboration between the Bar and IIUM, INSAF would be transformed into a world-class journal of law fusing the Bar’s long tradition of talent, spirit, and wisdom with the academic acumen that IIUM has long cultivated in its halls.

INSAF thus revived will resume with renewed passion its mission to bring forth fresh voices from our Members, especially for our newer generations. We have further widened the variety of submissions to include more forms of written expression to ensure that lawyers who wish to express themselves will be heard.

The pages that follow represent the dynamic liveliness of carefully woven legal minds, both from academia and legal

practice. They build on the heights of past INSAF contributors to present the cutting edge of legal thought today.

I would like to thank all authors and reviewers who have contributed to this inaugural relaunch issue. My appreciation also goes to the Bar Council Members, past and present — Dato' Abdul Fareed Abdul Gafoor, Salim Bashir, Surindar Singh, Mohamad Ezri Abdul Wahab, Yusfarizal Yussoff, Karen Cheah Yee Lynn, and Lee Guan Tong — for their dedicated effort in realising the collaboration with IIUM, leading up to the journal you now hold.

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In closing, I hope that Members of the Bar and every other reader of this journal will find nuggets of insight that you can bring forth into your lives. I also hope that Members of the Bar would continue to share their extensive experience and knowledge with the wider legal community through the submission of legal articles to INSAF. May this journal soar to greater heights!

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