MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Readers,

This year MIP is celebrating its 40 years old. Although she was in existence for almost half a century with a lot of 'up and down' and 'bitter and sweet' recalls in championing the novel course of planning profession in the country, the consistency of publication of Planning Malaysia Journal only could be realized since 2003. Started with four editorial board members and difficulties in chasing the articles from the planning fraternities, now in its volume 10th the Journal is well-received by the members as well as the academic community. This is due to perhaps, the awareness for knowledge seeking and improvement among the members as the articles touch on wide spectrum of our daily planning issues. It is indeed a great achievement to the Institute as we strive to encourage more members and academics to write and share new ideas on planning and urban development.



The main objective of this journal is to offer a platform for town planners to share ideas and experiences on urban and regional planning stuffs. Ideas and thoughts may be generated from research, studies undertaken or actual hands-on experiences of planners and academics. MIP hopes the journal can offer a healthier insight to all planners so that their roles as town planners can be eloquently appreciated by the public.

We expect to outspread the circulation of this journal to non-planning related organizations and institutions that has indirect role in planning within and outside the country. We hope this issue will serve the purpose and welcome any comment for improvement in the future issue.

As a President, I would like to acknowledge and congratulate the authors and the Journal's Editorial Board Members for their dedication and continuous support to the Institute.

Thank you and happy reading.

Prof. Dato' Dr. Alias Abdullah PRESIDENT (2011-2013)