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Praise is due to Allah SWT, The Most Gracious and Most Merciful.
Peace and Prayer be upon His Messenger Prophet Muhammad
SAW

First and foremost, I would like to extend my gratefulness and appreciation to the editors and writers of "Language and Life" for their effort and contributions in making the publication of this book a success. The publication of the book in conjunction with the renaming of Kolej Universiti Islam Malaysia (KUIM) to Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) is parallel to the university's effort to augment the university publications with multiple areas of knowledge.

The topics of the articles discussed in this book are very attractive since they compromise important issues on language and life. Such issues are always being conversed and trashed out in many seminars, conferences and even in daily life. It is the anticipation of this book that the articles inside will be modest contribution and references as part of the solution of current issues. Apart from the contents, the presentation of the book is also enhanced as it considers readers with different language capabilities. The articles in the book are written in English, Malay and Arabic language according to the writers and content appropriateness.

Finally, it is my greatest hope that the readers of this book will benefit fully from the content discussion. Sincerely, may all the worthy efforts and commitment demonstrated to ensure the publication of this book in conjunction with the renaming of Kolej Universiti Islam Malaysia (KUIM) to Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) be a success that will be blessed by Allah SWT.

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PREFACE

This collection of essays is the consensus effort of a group of editors for the special publication in conjunction with the renaming of Kolej Universiti Islam Malaysia (KUIM) to Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM). Credit must be given to all editors, for the good work in getting the manuscript ready for publication. The editors have sought papers that are original, perceptive and address current issues directly. A healthy and mature society such as found in Malaysia is perfectly able to discuss any issue as long as it is done in a spirit of good neighbourliness and mutual respects.

The focus is on language and life. It is clear that in order to have a good society, there needs to be a good understanding and knowledge among the different groups in a given society. This is even truer for Malaysia, which has significant non-Muslim minorities.

Hopefully the reader will find that these papers contribute to the noble cause of maintaining racial unity, social stability and peaceful co-existence in this diverse nation, which can also serve as a model for other nations to follow.

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