Editorial

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Editorial Objective

JBM is a double-blind refereed journal addressing working or potential business and management theories or practices and the emerging issues of interest to academics and practitioners. The primary editorial objective of the JBM is to provide a forum for the dissemination of theory and research in all areas of business, management, and organizational decisions. We invite research articles, comprehensive reviews, and case studies that provide insights into the daily business phenomena. Authors of JBM are always encouraged to offer recommendations to readers exemplifying the applicability of their research findings.

Research Topics

In this issue of JBM, we have included four research articles. In the first article, Khaled Abdou and Paramita Gupta discuss “Stock Repurchases as a Long-Term Investment Strategy.” The study conducts long-term event studies that incorporate companies’ actions, from implementing the repurchase program to utilizing acquired stock, through three different corporate events, including mergers & acquisitions (M&A), seasoned equity offerings (SEO), and fulfillment of stock option grants. The second article is “Strategic, Legal, and Accounting Challenges for Social Enterprises,” co-authored by Robert Moussetis and Thomas Cavenagh. The study develops a conceptual model to explain social entrepreneurship’s complexity and dynamics and expose social enterprises’ legal and accounting challenges and opportunities.

Next, Cameron Sumlin, Christie Hough, and Ken Green discuss “The Impact of Ethics Environment, Organizational Commitment, and Job Satisfaction on Organizational Performance.” The study is the first empirical research connecting the ethics environment to organizational performance through organizational commitment and job satisfaction using 250 participants within numerous organizations. In the last and the fourth study, Wong Hui Shein, Hii Sieng Ching, and Rahmat Aidil Bin Djubair present a study on “The Influence of Emotional Intelligence and Knowledge Management on Student Attitude toward Implementation of Digital Identification System.” It is the first empirical study attempting to identify whether emotional intelligence and knowledge management influence the attitude toward technological change.

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improvement suggestions to the authors. Special thanks go to National Chung Cheng University and National Chengchi University in Taiwan for the administrative support and International Consortium for Electronic Business (ICEB) for being a partner to publish JBM as the official publication since the issue of Vol. 26, No. 2. In early December 2020, ICEB celebrated its 20th anniversary with the first virtual conference, ICEB’20, hosted by the University of Hong Kong.

The publication of this issue marks a special occasion for JBM. We have established a new JBM Home Office in the College of Management at National Chung Cheng University. We thank the outgoing Executive Editor, Prof. Wei-His (Frank) Hung of National Chengchi University, for his editorial services during the past three years and welcome the new Executive Editor, Prof. She-I Chang of National Chung Cheng University. Frank will continue to serve as the Associate Editor for Technology in the coming years.

The publication of JBM cannot sustain without the institutional partners and the contributing scholars. Please note that the views expressed in these articles belong to the authors, not the editors, editorial board, JBM, ICEB, National Chung Cheng University, and Nation Chengchi University. We hope the articles are interesting to read and beneficial to your future research. On behalf of the Editorial Board, I thank you very much for your continuous support. Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all to be safe and healthy under the recent coronavirus epidemic. We hope the COVID-19 contagion ends soon, and we, the people, can get back to our healthy everyday lives.

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