

From the Editor

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This issue of *HBDS* contains 10 articles, nine of which were written by researchers external to the university, and one that was authored by an AIU researcher. We are delighted to see reports and findings from various disciplines including liberal arts, business, education, the environment, psychology, and sociology. Most articles in this issue reflect studies conducted in Thailand or other Asian contexts. We hope that this issue of *HBDS* will contribute to the development of society and serve as a source of information for various academic fields and research projects.

The year 2020 has been a tough year for all of mankind, including our journal. The pandemic has impacted us in many ways, but these circumstances have been overcome, and we have finally made it to the last issue of the year. We appreciate the hard work of authors, reviewers, editorial board members, executive board members, and journal staff members who have contributed to make this achievement a reality. For the year 2021, our focus will be on improving the quality of the articles that are published in each issue. This means that more time must be taken to increase the quality of the screening, peer review, and editorial processes. For this reason, starting in 2021 only three issues – rather than four – will be published each year. Nonetheless, we would like to invite readers to publish your valuable papers with us. More information may be found on our website, <https://www.tci-thaijo.org/index.php/hbds>. We would also appreciate comments or suggestions from you to help us improve the journal.

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