As the Chief Editor of this Journal from 2000 till 2007, I’m delighted to wish this Journal a Happy 15th Anniversary. It had been a memorable journey from just being an in-house journal to a journal that is now internationally recognised being indexed by numerous databases such as Bioline International, Index Copernicus and recently by SCOPUS. The Journal is also one of the most successful Journals being produced by the University and had played a major part in promoting USM in the global arena. Coincidently, just recently the Malaysian Government had announced that USM had been selected as the first APEX (Accelerated Programme for Excellence) University in the country. The sole objective of the programme is for USM to be in the Top 50 best universities in the world by the year 2020. In this programme the Malaysian Government will provide USM with the resources and facilitate USM to do whatever is necessary in order to achieve the above quest. Obviously then, all of USM journals will play a highly significantly role in this mission as the quality of the papers being published by the faculty is one of the major parameters used in assessing any universities. Being one of the top University Journals, MJMS thus would be expected to shoulder a major responsibility and I’m certain she can rise to the occasion.

Best wishes

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