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Preface

The issues on built environment had become more significant these days. Building and infrastructures are always part and parcel of any development works. In the Malaysian Plan, the government has allocated a lot of money for the development of infrastructure and facilities. In sequence to achieve this objective, we need the contributions of academicians, researchers, professionals and practitioners to strengthen the endeavour in advancing innovation in the fields of Built Environment. It is this factor that Faculty of Housing, Building and Planning gather for the Sustainable Built Environment Symposium (SBES 2014) and by understanding the current phenomenon of sustainable development through research showcase and academic forum, together we encompass a shared vision, mutual understanding and trust in addressing the industry about the opportunities and challenges for growth in the future.

This Sustainable Built Environment Symposium (SBES 2014) will bring together experts and practitioners who work in the field of Built Environment. The participants and presenters will discuss about case studies, emerging technologies, and the business side of Built Environment. The objectives of this Sustainable Built Environment Symposium (SBES 2014) are; providing an opportunity for Malaysian academicians, researchers, professionals and practitioners to present and challenge the cutting edge research projects that facilitates exchange of knowledge, acknowledges latest findings and stimulates innovative approaches, offering a platform for Malaysian researchers, practitioners and professionals to pursue their learning and research interests through the presentation of specific case studies that encourages inter-disciplinary discourse and provides opportunity for recognising the connection between innovation and commercialisation and fostering a network for academicians, researchers, professionals and practitioners through the formation of special interest groups in the field of building and infrastructure technology from Malaysia and overseas that enables research and education collaboration.

This Sustainable Built Environment Symposium (SBES 2014) includes a total of 15 selected papers related to the field of Built Environment. Finally we would like to thank the members of the scientific committee who did a wonderful work in reviewing the submitted abstracts and papers, the members of the organizing committee and the authors for their contribution to the success of the symposium.

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