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FOREWORD

By the grace of Allah, it is a great pleasure to introduce this issue of: **The International Journal on Islamic Applications in Computer Science and Technology**.

The success and the welcome of this Journal by researchers from many countries, gave us great encouragement for continuing issuing in the due time.

This Journal is aimed at publishing original research papers in the field of Islamic Applications in computer science and technology. This field is catching a momentum in the recent years. As a Journal interested in this field, it is the first International Journal of its specific field. As research is growing in this field, we hope that this Journal will be a platform for researchers working in the field to publish their research.

This issue contains two papers. The first one is entitled: **Information technology (IT) in the service of Maqāṣid Al-sharī'ah (Covid-19 as a Model)**. This research paper deals with how we can use IT to achieve the objectives of shari'ah towards solving the current Covid-19 crisis in the light of Maqāṣid Al-sharī'ah. IT has an immense role in achieving the objectives of shari'a both for Muslims and non-Muslims. The researchers used the descriptive methodology and methodologically. Therefore, the importance of this research is to focus on how to observe IT in contemporary problems. Thus, Research Objectives are: information technology (IT) and Maqāṣid Al-sharī'ah, IT in the service of Protection of Faith (Din), IT in the service of Protection of Lives (Nafs), IT in the service of Protection of wealth (Mal), IT in the service of Protection of intellect ('Aql), IT in the service of Protection of progeny (Nasl) and concluded with the most important results and recommendations.

The second paper is entitled: **The Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on the Rise of Cyber Security Risks with An Islamic View**. This paper reviews four of the most common cybersecurity risks raised during the pandemic around the world, which are phishing campaigns, financial fraud, social engineering, and the risk of employees' behavior who are working from home. This study also references some examples for some countries comparing their challenges with cybersecurity risks before and after COVID-19 such as Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom. In addition, this research recommends some of the best practices and the greatest common countermeasures to overcome the mentioned cybersecurity risks. Besides, this paper views those issues and the proposed solutions from an Islamic perspective.

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