

Editorial

It is a pleasure to write the editorial for the current volume of *Bangladesh Journal of Islamic Thought (BJIT)*. *BJIT* being a multilingual journal, the articles of this issue are written in different languages—three in English, one in Bangla and one in Arabic.

Mathematics is the very important discipline of knowledge which has a minimal bias and strong sense in ethical orientation. Nor Jannah Hassan et al. in her article titled “Inculcating Islamic Manners through Mathematics Courses for Students with Visual Impairments” highlights the importance of Islamic faith which forms the foundation of good manners through Mathematics courses. The article analyses and discusses Islamic manners towards the Creator, fellow human being and the environment. The findings suggest that the inculcation of Islamic manners in teaching and learning Mathematics, particularly for students with visual impairment, could help to become knowledgeable, skillful, well-mannered, responsible and trustworthy citizens who would thus ultimately contribute to the development of the nation.

Nationalism stirred the social and political thinking during the past two centuries over the world and the Islamic world was not an exception to this reality. The article on “Nationalism in the Muslim World and the Identity Crisis: A Sociological Perspective” by Jakir Al Faruki investigates the prevailing condition of the explanation about the socio-political concept of nationhood and nationality in the Muslim world. The article analyzes the concept of nationalism on the ground of socio-political reality. It undertakes an effort to clarify the ambiguous understanding about the various dimensions of Nationalism. The study also distinguishes the concepts between Western Nationalism, Muslim Nationalism and Ummah in Islam.

The article entitled “Application of *Ijma'* in Modern Islamic Finance Rulings: Does *Ijma'* Really Exist? A Literature Review” by Taslima Julia & Zainab Belal Omar seeks to find out whether *Ijma'* takes place in the contemporary Islamic finance or not. The paper tries to get a clear idea about the classical and contemporary views on *Ijma'*. The findings reveal that *Ijma'* prevails in the current Islamic world and it is possible to use this source of *Shari'ah* for harmonizing and standardizing *Shari'ah* rulings for the flourishing of Islamic financial system and for the betterment of the *Ummah*.

In the paper “শিলালিপিতে বাংলাদেশের ঐতিহ্য: হাজী খাজা শাহবাজ ও মরিয়ম সালেহা মসজিদের শিলালিপির উপর একটি বিশ্লেষণধর্মী আলোচনা (Tradition of Bangladesh in Inscriptions: An Analytical Discussion on the Inscriptions of Haji Khwaja Shahbaz Mosque and Mariam Saleha Mosque)”, Farjana Akter and Muhammad Shamsuzzaman discuss on the importance of inscriptions as historical elements. Through presenting detailed information about the inscriptions of Haji Khwaja Shahbaz Mosque and Mariam Saleha Mosque, they show that inscriptions can help to get a realistic scenario of the contemporary society from socio-economic, political, religious and cultural perspectives.

The article “التوسّع في المعنى في اللغة العربية: دراسة تطبيقية لنماذج من آي القرآن الكريم” (Expansion of Meaning in Arabic Language: An Empirical Study of the Models from the Verses of *Qur’an*)” written in Arabic by Dr Mohammad Abdus Samad focuses on the importance of the phenomenon of the expansion of meaning in Arabic language. Referring to *Qur’anic* verses, the article shows that this phenomenon is the most prominent characteristics that distinguish Arabic from other languages.

In addition to these five articles, this volume contains three book reviews including an analytical note on the characteristic features of the Tafsir- *The Message of the Qur’an* and a conference report. We are thankful to those who have enriched *BJIT* through their contribution. Our earnest gratitude is also due to the members of the editorial board for their sincere cooperation. We must appreciate the noble initiative of BIIT officials whose efforts have made it possible to publish this volume.