

Editorial

On behalf of the Editorial Board, I am pleased to close 2023 with the second issue of this year's *Journal of Modern Languages (JML)*. This issue comprises a range of topics in the area of language research from translation studies to text and spoken discourse analysis. The papers include one that examines the applicability of Translation Quality Assessment to the translation quality of fiction (Kullab et al.) and another that investigates the validation of the Processability Theory for the acquisition of 'negation' and 'interrogative structures by Iranian EFL learners (Rouintani et al.). Another paper that focuses on learners is on the comprehension of new Chinese vocabulary by international students in China (Wu et al.), while the central focus of the paper by Leng et al. is also on a literary text. Not all the papers focus on English as apart from the paper on Chinese vocabulary, Rika Mutiara's paper is on Jakartan Indonesian, Wong et al. examine translation styles of English movies in Mainland China and Hong Kong.

I wish to thank all the reviewers involved in the papers submitted in 2023. I would also like to thank the previous Chief Editor, Dr. Chew Shin Yi as well as the previous editorial and advisory board and journal manager. I would especially like to acknowledge Dr Chew's assistance in putting together this issue of *JML*. On this note, I would like to welcome the new associate editors, and members of the international advisory board as well as the new journal manager. Many thanks to the associate editors and journal manager for putting this issue together.

From the 2024 onwards, I hope to see submissions that do not only focus on English or on language teaching and learning. I especially welcome special issues on particular language contexts and on emerging areas of language research.

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