Editorial:
MIGRATING TO THE ONLINE JOURNAL MANAGEMENT

In line with the increasing demand of Indonesian academics to publish internationally, the Indonesian Minister of Higher Education requires every journal in Indonesia to publish articles in an online-based system. Since April 2016, the conventional paper-based journals, typically run by a limited and unaccountable local peer reviews, are no longer acceptable. The use of an online journal management --such as EdiKit, Editorial Manager, Preprint Manager, Espere, and OJS-- is a must. Fortunately, Al-Jami'ah has started employing the electronic system earlier. Since 2012, it started using Open Journal System (OJS) as the basis of its publication management.

Migrating to an online system is one thing, becoming more professional is another. Since we have moved to the OJS, other challenges face us. First, regarding human resources, the paper-based journal require less technological knowledge and skills. All persons involved face only papers to read and note. However, the online system needs other skills. But, as long as our staffs are concerned, we pass through this learning process.

Then, comes the harder challenge: educating our external editors, reviewers, and readers to fully understand the new system. In the first years of migration, we did use a mixed method of communicating trough the online system and the traditional way of email-based communication. We persuasively encourage our authors to submit their manuscripts online, while still accepting the other submission trough email. This process of education certainly takes time, and it is one of the reasons that we are not as punctual as we expect in publishing this volume. We did assign the manuscripts to the reviewer. But he/she did not check it for weeks or months until we call him/her to let him/her know about the assignment. On the other hand, the author did not respond to the

reviewed manuscript as his/her limited ability to follow the OJS system.

Having done that for four years, we start to find the benefit of using an open journal system. Now, as more journals in Indonesia employ the OJS, more authors are familiar with the system. The flows of the publication process are now getting better, and it helps the journal to be better managed.

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