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EDITORIAL NOTE

"We are drowning in information, while starving for wisdom. The world henceforth will be run by synthesizers, people able to put together the right information at the right time, think critically about it, and make important choices wisely." — Edward O. Wilson, Consilience: The Unity of Knowledge (1998)

A journal issue is never just a collection of papers; it is a dialogue across disciplines, a meeting place of ideas, and a compass pointing to new horizons of inquiry. Each journal article is an invitation for scholars to adopt a particular thinking lane, tease it out and end up with their own intellectual curiosities that may result in a fresh trajectory of enquiries. After reading a journal article, the highest form of value addition and reward for an individual is to be inspired to imagine a better universe of human existence. This issue presents a kaleidoscope of articles with diverse themes such as 'impact of board members' attributes on corporate performance', 'corporate governance practices and the performance of state-owned enterprises,' 'corruption in state-owned enterprises', 'impact of business ethics and corporate governance on public procurement', 'efficiency of fuel management on service delivery in local authorities', 'environmental impacts of ecotourism', 'colonial factor in prime tourist destination toponym' and 'challenges faced by young entrepreneurs in informal trading'.

It is my fervent belief that each of the articles in this issue makes a significant contribution not only to the existing board of knowledge but to challenging the status quo, thereby providing a compelling reason to re-think and chart an alternative course to meeting society's fundamental aspirations of development.

Lest I distort the true import of articles contained herein, I humbly present this issue to you my fellow scholars, in the context and firm conviction of what Albert Einstein once said,

"A hundred times every day I remind myself that my inner and outer life are based on the labours of other men, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received" ----- (Einstein, 1929).

He was echoing Isaac Newton's famous metaphor of "standing on the shoulders of giants" to highlight that all intellectual and scientific progress builds cumulatively on the work of those who came before.

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