

## **Editor's Note**

I am pleased to present to you the first issue, Volume 3 of the International Journal of Property Sciences (IJPS) in 2013. The journal made its debut in 2008 through the initiative of Professor Dominique Fischer in establishing a journal that publishes research works in the area of property. The current Editorial Board would very much like to extend our appreciation for his work and hope that this initiative can be continued through the publication of more research work from scholars locally and internationally.

In this issue we have four articles that were presented at the Asia Pacific Housing Network Seminar held in August 2013. These papers provide research work in the area of housing and submissions from scholars from many parts of the world which include India, China and Africa were received.

In this issue four articles are presented. The first paper by Ilesanmi (2013) explores the link between sense of security and the negotiation of place by examining the potentials for place production in gated communities (GCs). The findings are important in the impending issues of the growing numbers of GCs in the major cities in the world. The following paper by Liu & Jia (2013) examines the social housing for urban low-income communities in Chinese urban housing and this paper suggests alternative approaches to achieve balance between professional responsibilities and user rights as well as a new perspective on sustainable social housing in China. The next two papers by Banerjee & Sen (2013) and Sen *et. al.* (2013) examine the housing affordability issue at Kolkata, India. The earlier paper assess variations in basic and composite housing affordability across Kolkata Urban Agglomeration (KUA) with respect to housing price distribution, patterns of household income & expenditure and variations in transportation. The latter paper provides an assessment of the phenomenon portraying the demand supply balance on urban housing which is said to be skewed across different price segments with demand outstripping supply in the affordable segment and excess supply in the luxury segment. The paper evaluates group housing affordability by low to middle income group of population (also referred to as 'Aspirers') in core Kolkata, India. The findings intend to establish a basis for earmarking long-term policies on fixing the pricing pattern of future group housing ventures in Kolkata best matching the affordability pattern of the low-to-middle income group.

Our sincere appreciation is extended to all members of the editorial board and reviewers for their continued support and encouragement. We hope IJPS will continue in its quest of publishing scholarly research work in the area of property.

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