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Letter from the editor-in-chief

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Dear WCCI friends and IJCI readers,

It is my great pleasure and privilege to introduce the first online issue of WCCI *International Journal of Curriculum and Instruction (IJCI)*.

Since we are in the era of technology, we felt that it would be time saving, fast and environmentally friendly way to change the format of our journal from hard copy to soft copy via an electronic system. Thanks to the new format of IJCI the articles published in the journal will be easily accessible in all parts of the world by much more number of audience and researchers for their further or related studies. Meanwhile, IJCI will continue to hold its distinguished academic status in the international indexing systems.

The first online issue of IJCI comprises four outstanding articles all passed through blind review and accordingly revised by their authors. The articles have the following characteristics;

The article with the title “***The intersection of pragmatics and applied linguistics in teaching speech acts: Apologies perspective***” is on the implication of a pragmatics research exploring the effect of implicit teaching of apology speech act by native English speakers in elementary, intermediate and advanced English Foreign Language (EFL) classrooms. This study puts forward the fact that intermediate and advance levels of EFL learners make different use of apology strategies depending on the situation. In most cases, advance level learners approach native speaker norms better than intermediate level learners; however, in some cases, intermediate learners seem to use apology speech acts closer to native speaker norms. The subjects in both groups changed their use of making apologies after some classes with native speaker teachers in an implicit manner.

The second article titled “***Parental socio-economic-status as predictor of vocational aspirations of secondary school students in Nigeria: Implications for peace, curriculum planners and special educators***” is a quantitative study investigating parental socio-economic status as an indicator of vocational aspirations of secondary school students in Nigeria. The study concludes that financial background of parents is

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not a strong predictor of vocational aspirations of students since parents of some students may be so occupied with work that they may not have much time to deal with their children or they may not know the right way to go about helping their children.

The third article, which is titled “**Strategies for peaceful problem solving in Nigeria**” aims to identify some strategies for peaceful problem-solving in Nigeria. The author states that peace and harmony could only be achieved in a society with the provision of basic infrastructure, employment of youths, good governance and gainful skill acquisition for effective co-existence and individual self-reliance.

The fourth article has the title “**The green chemistry and Filipino approach to high school experiments in Saint Paul College Pasig**” and is a call for teachers to initiate measures in improving the quality of high school chemistry education with some practical laboratory work with in the Philippines. The author discusses that integrating green chemistry concepts in the design of high school chemistry experiments makes students aware of the responsibility that goes with the use and production of chemicals.

As always, the *IJCI* continues to publish the very best articles and reviews in education and to strengthen its editorial perspective. As Editor-in-Chief, I am happy to field your questions about potential articles, forum articles and notes, newsletters, field reports, necrologies, and reviews.

I strongly encourage you to submit your work for consideration for publication in *IJCI*. We have adopted a simple Online Submission System for Authors and Reviewers. Starting immediately, all manuscripts and editorial communications should be sent via our Online Submission System by logging on to the journal website and following the instructions. First-time users are required to register before making submissions.

I truthfully hope that you will find future issues of interest, and that you will enjoy and benefit from reading the articles in *IJCI*.

Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Ismail Hakki Mirici

Editor-in-Chief

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