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**Dear Readers,**

HAJBE is a biannual peer-reviewed publication of Business and Economics College, Jimma University established in 2017. The Journal is aimed at providing an appropriate forum to stimulate publication in the areas of Business, Economics and Public Administration. The journal has published five regular issues till June 2020 excluding this special issue. The regular Volume III Issue II of the journal will be published in the coming December 2020. In addition to its regular issues, the journal has a policy of publishing special issues and this is the first in the history of HAJBE.

This Special issue is totally dedicated to the Socio-Economic effect of COVID-19 in Ethiopia. Currently COVID-19 is highly affecting every aspect of our country including our Socio-economy. In order to combat the negative effect of this pandemic, academic staffs need to play their role by undertaking research and indicate the way forward to decision makers. As a result, a team consisting of 11 members from all the departments in the College of Business and Economics, Jimma University was established to study the Socio-economic effect of COVID-19 in Ethiopian. The output of the research was published in this special issue of HAJBE. The purpose is to facilitate communication of the output of the study to interested individuals and institutions in the country or abroad.

This special issue consists of about eight research articles in diverse topics including the effect of COVID-19 on Tourism Sector; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Industry Sector; banking sector; Insurance sector; Tax administration; Unemployment and service sectors. Although, most of the findings are based on descriptive desk research, we believe that decision makers can get valuable information for combating the pandemic. Further, the studies can serve as a spring board for making further detail researches on the topics.

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