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## Foreword

This monograph published as an Occasional Paper, is a result of an academic exchange program between the Institute of The Malay World & Civilization (ATMA), UKM and ISARC (Ibn Sina Academic Research Center) Mauritius. Co-published by ATMA and ISARC, this is the first publication output from this long standing relationship between the two institutions. The paper entitled *Preliminary Observations of Libraries in Mauritius* was written by Dato' Zawiyah Baba following her visits to libraries in Mauritius in conjunction with the Academic Exchange Programme from 19 – 28 July 2008.

The Academic Programme began with a two-day Seminar on Library and Information Science, organised by The National Library of Mauritius in collaboration with Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and Ibn Sina Academic Research Center at the National Library of Mauritius from 21-22 July 2008. Dato' Zawiyah and Associate Professor Dr. Supyan Hussin paid a courtesy visit on His Excellency the President of Mauritius and his gracious wife, as well as to the Minister of Arts and Culture, Mauritius. Visits to various types of libraries in Mauritius followed with the programme culminating in a luncheon talk by Dato' Zawiyah Baba on *Women In the Public Sector: With Special Reference to Malaysia*. Congratulations to Dato' Zawiyah Baba for this first monograph in the series of Occasional Papers. It is hoped that ATMA and ISARC will continue to co-publish more academic papers in the near future.

Both organizations have been working together in this pleasant academic atmosphere since 2002. Prior to that, the initiative to establish the link between UKM and ISARC started in 2000 when Assoc Prof. Dr. Kamaruzaman Yusuf and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Supyan Hussin agreed to accept the invitation from ISARC as Visiting Fellows to help ISARC establish an international network of academia. Dr. Kamaruzaman spent two months of his sabbatical leave at ISARC in 2001 while Dr. Supyan spent a month of his sabbatical leave in 2002 at ISARC. During the last six years, ATMA