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Experts from 63 countries gathered to participate in the conference in-person and online. The conference covered important issues in Business and the Social Science under various sub-themes. The goal of the conference is to provide a platform for international relationships among the researchers involved in Business and Social Sciences, to provide a platform for academics to excel and also to increase research culture in Malaysia and around the world.

The conference started with the opening remarks and welcome speech from Chairman of GATR Advisory Board, Dr. Kashan Pirzada. He highlighted the relevance of the

conference topics to the current research trends of development of business and social sciences, greeted participants and expressed his gratitude to all participants for their valuable contribution to the conference procedures. He put hopes that the conference should become an efficient platform for the creation of new collaborations and networking.





Further, the first plenary speaker, Professor Dr. Kamran Ahmed from La Trobe University, Australia. His speech was about "The Effect of Powerful CFOs on Disclosure Quality". Most studies are about the effect of powerful CEOs on various corporate financial and nonfinancial issues but limited information is currently available on

the role of CFOs and particularly powerful CFOs. In his speech, he also emphasized the need for further research into other individual functional senior executives aside from the CEO and their board relations, and the CFO in particular (Unde, Klarner &Tuschke, 2017).

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Next plenary speaker, Professor
Dr. Gabriel A. Moens, Curtin
University and Emeritus
Professor at the University of
Queensland, Australia
contributed a speech from his
office in Australia. The topic of
his speech was "Advanced
Research: Are There Any Rules

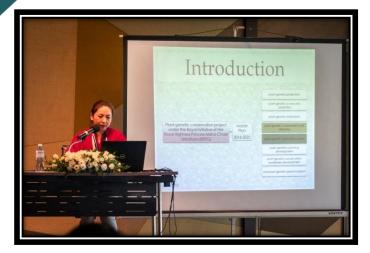
of the Game?" He highlights about researching in the Covid-19 era; the challenges and opportunities, teaching face-to-face or via a platform as well as the importance of critical thinking to research.

Associate Professor Kovit Charnvitayapong from Thammasat University (Thailand)

presented critical analyses on Thrift and Credit Cooperative Lending Channels under Prolonged Low Interest Rates: The Case of Thailand. He emphasized that in the United States, Japan, and the European Union (EU) have heavily stimulated their economies with expansionary monetary policy since the global



financial crisis of 2007–08 and that world finance has been affected by this policy conduct. Interest rates in most open economies were pushed to very low levels and have remained low ever since.



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Umaporn Muneenam from Prince of Songkla University (Thailand) presented a "Local Knowledge on Sedge Utilisation for Handicraft". Sedge is one of the natural plants for handicraft in Thailand, as well as in the countries where there is sedge; such as Madagascar, Mauritius, Sri Lanka,

Sumatra island, countries and islands nearby Malay Strait, Borneo, Australia, and Vietnam. Her research article aims to apply the value chain analysis (VCA)—better tools in explanation—to present about the local knowledge, step, process, and flow on sedge utilization for handicraft, especially in Cha-uad District, Nakhon Si Thammarat Province because here is the source of sedge that now distributes to producers in the other provinces, as well as there is a day in July of every year to praise sedge called "Blooming of Sedge Flower Day".

Before the end of the conference, the workshop on 'Publishing in High Impact Factor ISI Journals' was conducted by Professor Dr. Gabriël A Moens and Professor Dr. Kamran Ahmed. The workshop covered the journal publication requirement, general requirements of ISI/ Scopus Indexed Journal selections, technical preparation



before writing, dealing with reviewers' comments, publication tools and resources and also, ethical and legal issues in writing and publishing.

Conference organizers would like to express their gratitude to all plenary speakers and participants joined this international network, participate online and in person in Bangkok to make their deposit by high quality presentations, interesting discussions and feel unique atmosphere of the fruitful scientific gathering.

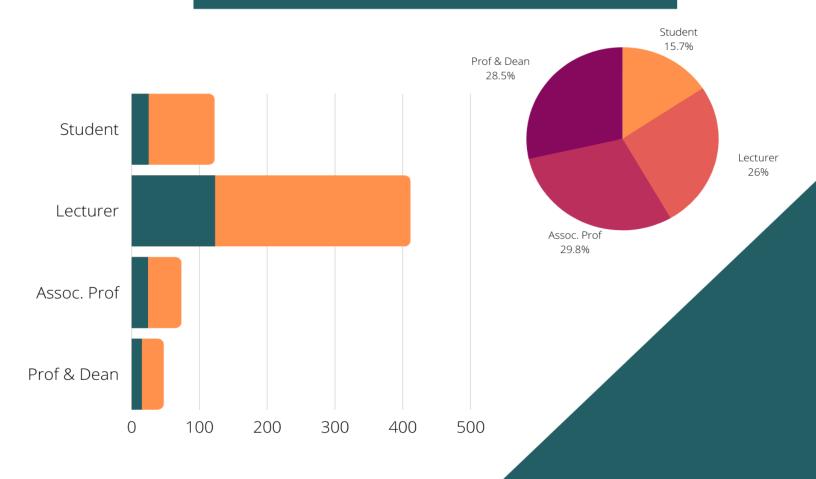




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CATEGORY	SUBMITTED Abstract	ACCEPTED Abstract	ACCEPTANCE RATE%
STUDENT	97	25	25.77
LECTURER	288	123	42.70
ASSOC. PROF	49	24	48.97
PROF & DEAN	32	15	46.87
TOTAL	466	187	40.12



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