



Editorial

This issue of *NIU Journal of Humanities* touches on Development Administration as well as Language and Literary Studies.

The first part of the Journal focuses on Development Administration. Using Nigeria's Counter-Insurgency Strategy against Boko Haram as a case study, one of the papers in this section empirically argues that although Nigeria's counter-insurgency tactics against Boko Haram are effective from the start, they do not crush and eradicate the movement; rather, they encourage a resurgence of the movement with increasingly complex waves of armed violence against the government and its security forces, as well as egregious violations of human rights and implications for the safety of the civilian population. It is revealed that a long-term solution to these security issues is unlikely as long as these counter-insurgency tactics are the sole means of combating the Boko Haram insurgency. It is, therefore, recommended that the government should create policies and strategies to lessen and eliminate social problems by limiting the activities of Boko Haram members in the northeast, through border control.

One of the papers, in the second section on Language and Literary Studies, investigates the outcome of the migrants' dream whether in the diaspora or their return to their home country. The result is failure of the migrants' dream. The themes of loss of job, depression, divorce, dropout and death become the outcome of the dream of social or economic upliftment by the migrant. The techniques of flashback, contrast and symbolism enable the migrant storytellers to achieve a realistic point of view. It also discovered in this paper that the major reason for the failure of the migrants' dream is the process of acculturation and hybridity - the unsuccessful merger of the migrants' home culture and that of the diaspora. The paper concludes that the migrant literature is a realistic portrayal of the "Japa" syndrome. The outcome of the syndrome is always negative in the novel.

This edition of *NIU Journal of Humanities* features many empirical and theoretical based articles which can be of great benefit to every reader.

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