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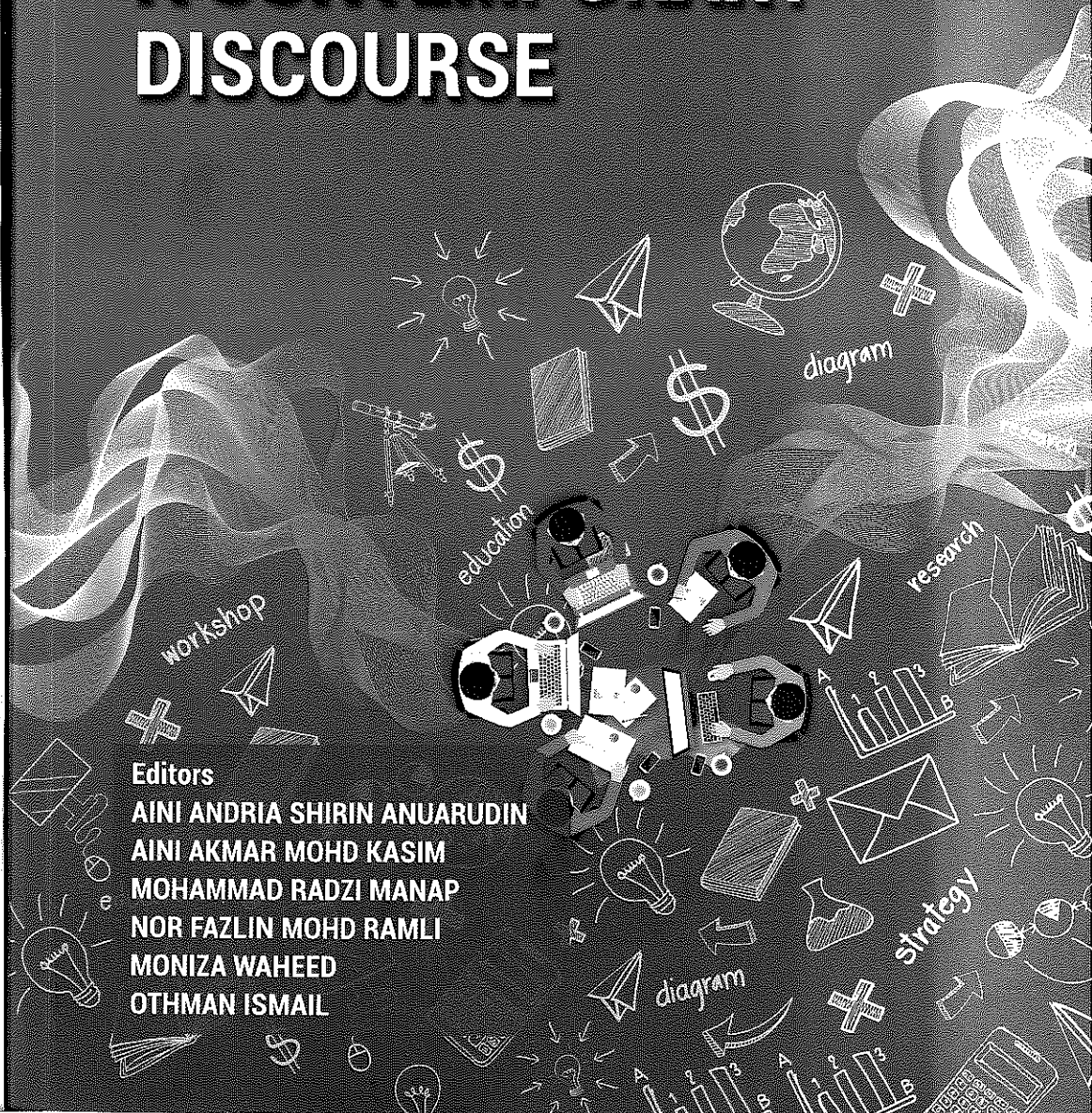
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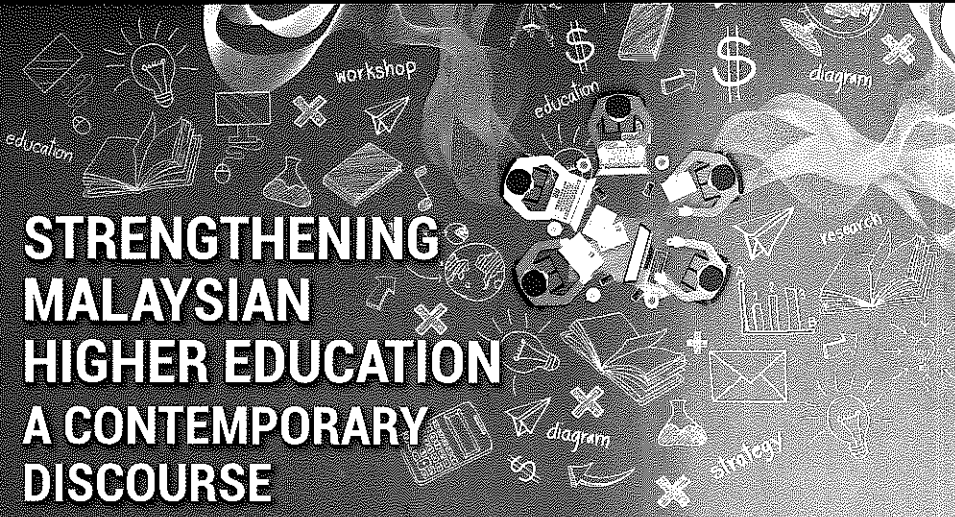
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One of the most important sectors that plays a big role in realising Malaysia's aspiration to become a developed nation is the higher education sector. It is one of the country's backbones to ensure economic growth as Malaysia has now become one of the most renowned education hub. Credit should be given to Malaysia's higher education ecosystem which comprises of public and private universities; and agencies under the purview of the Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia.

The uniqueness of this manuscript lies in the willingness of the prominent figures in the higher education landscape to pen down each institution and agency's efforts, accomplishments, way forward and the challenges faced in their pursuit to excellence. This book showcases the higher education institutions and agencies' journey in a diversified ecosystem during a very challenging time.



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# THE ROLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN HARMONISING CHANGE, INNOVATION, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, AND POVERTY MANAGEMENT

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## INTRODUCTION

Higher education institutions (HEIs) have long been responsible for building significant resources in building civilisations. They do so through building human capacity with the aid of knowledge. The role of HEIs not only focuses on teaching and learning but is also directly involved in driving discoveries in the form of technology, product innovation, and social innovation. From this, they then produce human capital that leverages their knowledge to benefit society.

The role of HEIs is not only to supply the human capital that the industry needs, but they also conceive frameworks of knowledge that can be utilised for all stakeholders. These frameworks are recognised and provided by the top management of HEIs and by academics who further refine their skills and expertise. Similarly, the administration streamlines these processes efficiently and carefully to ensure that efforts to produce the required human capital is functioning.

Despite the changing times and pressures from various stakeholders, especially the industry, the role of HEIs remains crucial. The rapid change in the industry demands for human capital to generate and work with creative ideas while understanding the framework of change, its necessities, and the significance of its contributions.

For example, when the world needs new labour as required in the fourth industrial revolution (IR 4.0), the change must occur within the