

Guidelines for Authors

All persons writing and/or submitting articles or any other materials in any form (texts, illustrations, diagrams, statistics, etc) for publication in the *Journal of Financial Planning* and for storage in the MFPC publication database are required to adhere strictly to the following guidelines:

What Constitutes under the News and Views Column?

Topic Areas

The news and views column is a practitioner focused section covering Malaysian economic/Asian economy and international business topics. This could include local financial news and issues that is timely for the benefit to be shared with individuals in the financial landscape.

“News” could include any financial related news which comprises of any aspect of financial planning, wealth management, investment banking, and regulatory changes. “News” submitted should be something of general interest or an issue that is currently new in the marketplace. Eg: Clawing back of Commission from agents is a new issue in Malaysia.

Objectivity

“Views” could be an opinion piece detailing the practitioner’s outlook to a particular issue. Any finance related issue which deals with Financial Planning would be accepted. The inclusion of the section News and Views is to deliver essential market information and views that is of good faith for Financial Planners. The focus of this article should help a planner better serve his clients and contribute to the common good of the Financial Planning industry.

Style

JFP places strong emphasis on the literary quality of submission under the News and Views column. All submission will be vetted through a committee made up of local and international academic practitioners. This column will have a more readable style compare to an academic content. Write the way you talk and Keep it Short and Simple (KISS)

Length

Articles for the news and views column should not exceed 3,000 words. Succinct introductions as a summary would help readers digest the content of the article.

Review

The review process normally takes 1-2 weeks and the MFPC would inform you if the submission will be printed. Authors are not allowed to submit their work to elsewhere until an editorial decision is made. To ease the reviewing and editing of submission please follow the guidelines. The Editorial board would make necessary changes to ensure the readability and clarity of articles.

Referencing

If necessary when a source is cited, all referencing should be attached to the write up. The general accepted referencing style should follow The *Publication Manual of the American Psychology Association (APA)* (6th Ed.) for style and format. The APA Manual is available in bookstores or from the APA on-line at www.apa.org/books. Summaries of the APA style and format guidelines also are available from a variety of Internet sources.