

## EDITORIAL

Last summer was turbulent in East Asia. There were both a tragic earthquake and the Beijing Olympic Games in China. A serious financial crisis is now sweeping our region. Crisis and chance are two sides of a coin. All these could be the steppingstone for the 21st century's East Asian prosperity and cooperation. The Journal of East Asia and International Law (JEAIL) presents legal ideas and discourses on this topic.

We are delighted to publish the second issue of JEAIL. Born in Spring 2008 as the only academic law review covering East Asian (North and Southeast Asian) concerns as a whole, JEAIL has been fast developing as a representative of international legal scholarship in the region. Upon the publication of JEAIL's inaugural issue, there was keen interest in it all over the world, and many prestigious university libraries subscribed to it.

For this second issue, creative and provocative papers came from international legal scholars and practitioners from both East Asia and other regions. It was difficult to select world-class draft manuscripts among them. We chose several papers through a two-step peer review system. We ended up with two long articles and four short papers. The two long articles hit the balance between generations. Professor Valerie Epps, a world-renowned international lawyer from Suffolk University, Boston, reconsidered a very fundamental legal question concerning self-determination, and Professor Liu Xiaohong, a promising young legal scholar, raised a stimulating issue on jurisdiction between courts and arbitral tribunals in China. The four short articles are on very interesting topics in international and comparative law. JEAIL discusses the current dispute on the legal autonomy of Tibet at <Regional Focus & Controversies>. Two eminent international lawyers from Tibet and China analyze the topic from ultimately opposite viewpoints. Mr. Andrew Ackley also submitted a student paper. JEAIL likewise invited the highly esteemed Dr. Chung Il-yung as today's international lawyer. His life and academic achievements fully deserve to be models for younger international lawyers in the global community. Our national correspondents submitted treaty reports and communication. JEAIL's editorial board appreciates their contributions. At this issue, the Journal opens a new section <Source> which introduces precious cultural heritages regarding international law and East Asia. This time, we bring in the Credential of Emperor Kojong of Korea for his special envoy to the 1907 Hague

Peace Conference.

JEAIL is beholden to many people for Volume 1, Number 2. First, Mr. Yoo Jay-kun, a former member of the Korean National Assembly, joined us as the Chairman of the YIJUN Institute of International Law just after his retirement from 12 years of service in the National Assembly. As an eminent human rights lawyer, law professor, and foreign policymaker, his career has been and will be invaluable to JEAIL. Then in September, I met and talked with professor Zhao Yun, executive editor of JEAIL in Seoul. We had a fruitful time discussing JEAIL's editing policy. Our other editorial board members, including Prof. Sean Hayes and Prof. Todd Howland, helped me much with their legal professionalism. I also wish to thank all our editors and reviewers. In addition, Mr. Han Young-soo, our associate editor, and students of mine, Mr. Moon Jae-tae, Mr. Bae Jin-soo and Mr. Shim Young-ho, helped me edit the manuscripts. I owe them much.

JEAIL welcomes your submissions in both English and French. We are very open to conventional subjects on international law as well as to highly sophisticated topics such as the environment, energy, international trade and finance, technology (bio/nano/nuclear), women, immigration, space, maritime development and pollution, and religion. Our editorial board will preferably consider independent viewpoints of East Asia.

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