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EDITORIAL

2009 started with a heartbreaking tragedy! More than thousands of civilians were killed in Gaza due to the Israeli bombing. Bodies of children lying down on the streets symbolized the injustice and illegality of contemporary world community. Who gave the right to commit such brutal violence towards innocent spirits? History never forgets the cruelty against human dignity. East Asia is the first to realize such idea because most of the countries in this region were colonized by the western powers before World War II. The papers in this Journal would be the sincere protest from the bottom of people's heart in this region. JEAIL is trying to emphasize the achievement of legal scholarship against the demolition of humanity.

The last issue of the Journal was quite fruitful. Two papers on Legal Autonomy of Tibet were timely released, and their opposite viewpoints drew much attention from international community; highly established international newspapers such as New York Times and Le Monde reported the papers and the authors. A leading article of Professor Valerie Epps was registered as a top-ten research paper at the Social Science Research Network (SSRN), one of the most influential academic websites in English speaking world.

Now, we have delightfully launched Volume 2, Number 1 of the Journal. More drafts were submitted at this time compared to the previous issues, and it was very challenging to select qualified papers among them. In particular, we set up a special issue focusing on one topic, Islamic World and International Law. A number of Muslim lawyers analyzed current world affairs, from self-defense to human right in a genuine Islamic point of view. This is a unique topic which may not be easily found at western academic law journals. JEAIL fully appreciates the scholars from Iraq, Jordan, Malaysia and Russia, who have contributed to the Journal. We expect these papers to help non-Muslims maintain a fair and balanced perspective on Islamic world, and people with different religions to coexist peacefully in the global community. Also, at this issue, the Journal is publishing a number of valuable articles contributed by legal scholars from China, India, Indonesia and Japan. Their papers, chosen through painstaking process of selection, deal with very cutting-edge and critical legal issues. The Regional Focus and Controversies section put concentrates on the on-going political and military conflict regarding the sovereignty of the Preah Vihear temple between Cambodia and Thailand. With these two articles, the readers would be able to understand how the two opposite

sides are claiming their sovereignty of the temple under the international law. At International Lawyer section, we have the honor to invite Professor John O. Haley of Washington University School of Law, a highly renowned and respected Japanese law scholar. His sincere description of lifelong study will give the most profound ideas and mentoring to younger generation for the successful academic life.

All internal board members and external experts did their best in the selection process. The citations have been bluebooked by two associate editors, Mr. Michael K. Hyun at Columbia University School of Law and Mr. John Riley at Seoul National University School of Law, as well as fellows of the YIJUN Institute of International Law including Mr. Shim Young-ho, Ms. Hwang Kyung-seon, Mr. Kim Do-sung and Ms. Jenny Suh. We would like to express the deepest appreciation to their enthusiasm. The Journal is much obliged to our truly credible national correspondents for their treaty reports and news.

The Journal most welcomes academic and practical contribution in English and French. As a next step, JEAIL is going to tackle Maritime Environment in East Asia as the Issue Focus for Volume 2/Number 2(November 2009). We open your submission anytime before August 1.

Editor-in-Chief

MEMORIAL OF
JUDGE PARK CHOON HO



Judge Park Choon Ho (1930-2008)

EULOGY

Learning of the death of Judge Choon-ho Park last November was a cause of deep sorrow and grief for all of us at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, fellow judges and staff members alike.

Judge Park had been a member of the International Law of the Sea Tribunal for the last 12 years and a member of the first team of judges that started the work of the Tribunal. I have served with him for most of those years, a period during which my colleagues and I learned to appreciate his qualities as a judge, as a human being and as a friend.

During his period in office he gained the respect of all his colleagues for his contributions to our work, for his spirit of collegiality, for his kindness, for the gentle and friendly approach to all colleagues, and for his very well known good humour.

The laws of nature, implacable as they are, determined that we should part company with him forever. He will, nonetheless, always be present in the minds of his colleagues at the Tribunal, as a cherished colleague, as a much esteemed friend to all of us, and as a gentleman.

May his family find comfort, in the midst of great sadness and the feeling of loss, in knowing that Judge Park will always be fondly remembered by all of us at the Tribunal. We shall miss him deeply and remember him in our prayers.

May his soul rest in peace.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'José Luís Jesus', with a long horizontal line extending to the left and a flourish extending to the right.

José Luís Jesus
President
International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
Hamburg, Germany

IN MEMORY OF JUDGE PARK CHOON HO

Dr. Park Choon-ho, Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and Professor Emeritus of International Law at Korea University, passed away on November 12, 2008 at the age of 78. Born in Namwon, Korea in 1930, Judge Park was educated at Seoul National University and attained his doctorate in international law at Edinburgh University, Scotland, defending a thesis entitled as: Law and Practice Relating to the International Regulation of Fisheries in Asia.

Judge Park carried out his academic research in international law institutions at highly renowned universities such as Harvard, Princeton and Hawaii from 1972 to 1982. During the period, he was involved in every painstaking course sessions of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, drafting the historic United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. In 1982, Judge Park was appointed as a professor of international law at Korea University where he remained as such until his retirement in 1995. His great contribution to the development of international maritime law was made in both academic and practical field. As editor of <Maritime Policy> and <Ocean Development and International Law>, he was responsible for the publication of highly qualified research papers in international maritime law and policy. He was also involved in managing several academic institutes as Director of Studies. Judge Park was a prolific writer, and a great mentor to students all over the world due to his exceptional talent at foreign languages, including English, Chinese, Japanese, French and German. He was also deeply interested in maritime policymaking of the Korean government. He was elected as a Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in 1996 and maintained his chair until the very last chapter of his life. Judge Park was registered as a member of *Institut de Droit International* in 1997.

To many, he became a lifelong friend whose devotion to his people and all human beings lasted until he died. His life was not always as rose colored as some would expect. Nonetheless, Dr. Park inspired people's spirits with his sense of humor, and for them, he became a standard of academic integrity, judicial wisdom and sacrifice to the community. Judge Park will always remain very much alive in the memories of those who loved, respected and treasured him.

All the editorial and advisory board members of the Journal of East Asia & International Law would like to share the most profound condolence to his demise with his family and friends.