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## EDITORIAL

This spring came with bitter pain. Many thousands of innocent people died in northeastern Japan due to the dreadful tsunami and earthquakes. The radioactive fallout from the nuclear plants in Fukushima spread dreadful fear throughout the region. These multiple disasters have given us pause to seriously reconsider the response by international governance to manage natural or manmade catastrophes of such a horrific scale. They have also committed international lawyers of the 21<sup>st</sup> century to develop better ways to cope with some of the most pressing questions of our time such as global warming, natural/manmade disasters, incessant nuclear proliferation, environmental damage, ecological disproportion, religious conflict, among others. In order to carry out this mission, international law should be fully dedicated to the principles of 'solidarity' and 'tolerance' that lead to 'positive peacemaking' beyond just loose cooperation. These concepts will be of fundamental in East Asia and international law in the coming years.

The JEAIL's Volume 4, Number 1 contains many articles of critical importance. The current issue focuses on world climate change, which is one of the highly topical questions in the contemporary world. Dr. Xiaoyi Jiang discusses the application and development of the Clean Development Mechanism in China with her colleague. Professor Osamu Yoshida has precisely analyzed the Kyoto Protocol's compliance system. His paper mainly touches on the procedural aspects of the international climate change regime. Considering that the author is a Japanese lawyer, his examination of the Kyoto system will be highly valuable to others in the field. Professor Yiyuan Su's paper offers a broad and deep perspective of international climate change from a Taiwanese standpoint. He criticizes that Taiwan's limited statehood will prevent the world from establishing the consistent and comprehensive action needed to curb climate change.

This issue also tackles the breath-taking expansion of the Pan-China economic sphere from an international legal perspective. Professor Liang Zhang addresses the regional trade agreement between China's four customs territories. His paper is quite significant and controversial not only because it is one of just a few English legal papers written by a Chinese lawyer on that issue, but also because his intuition of China's economic sphere is quite Sino-oriented, even including Taiwan as a customs territory of China.

In *Regional Focus & Controversies*, two authors from mainland China and Taiwan offer differing positions over the historical and recently concluded cross-strait ECFA.

Legal analyses of this symbolic agreement will be the key to understanding the future relationship between the two sides. In Notes & Comments, Professor Supancana discusses the foreign investment and the economic partnership agreement between Indonesia and Japan. Mr. François LeSieur comments on the recently adopted French law of universal jurisdiction against piracy. Professor Yun-Gi Hong critically evaluates Professor P. Singh's article, "Colonised's Madness, Colonisers' Modernity and International Law: Mythological Materialism in the East-West *Telos*," which was published in Volume 3, Number 1 of JEAIL. E. Bari, one of the most enthusiastic and sincere student contributors of the JEAIL, writes a wonderful student paper reviewing the Extraordinary Chamber in the Court of Cambodia. Finally, the JEAIL interviews Professor Surya Subedi in the International Lawyer section.

This issue required even more endurance and hardwork for publication. Once again, the Journal is beholden to our editorial board members and experts for their great contributions in selecting and reviewing the JEAIL's content. In particular, our Japanese colleagues, Professor K. Nakatani, Professor J. Tsuruta and Professor M. Miyoshi worked tirelessly even during the hardest days following the disasters. Their devotion will never be forgotten. Two associate editors, Professor John Riley and Professor Andrew Wolman carefully reviewed the drafts with their highly systematic linguistic sense as well as profound knowledge of international law. Our fellow, Mr. Jinsung Chang, and three student assistants, Ms. Sungmin Koh, Mr. Robert Gallo and Ms. Jee-eun Song carefully bluebooked and proofread all of the citation and notes.

The Journal of East Asia & International Law aims to be a forum to discuss the international legal issues of our time based on regional and global knowledge and ideas. This academic space, we believe, will be the steppingstone to realizing the rule of law in the international society. This is the firmly held belief of our staff. For this mission, we continue to welcome your contributions in both English and French. Submissions received before August 1, 2011, will be considered for possible publication of Volume 4, Number 2. We are particularly interested in receiving papers concerning outer space development.

**Editor-in-Chief**