

EDITORIAL

Four years have passed since our Journal saw the light of day. This time, I am especially happy to publish Volume 4, Number 2 because, in August, the JEAIL has been listed at the Social Science Citation Index (“SSCI”). In the field of international law, we are finally evaluated as one of the most prestigious global academic journals. This great achievement grants not only scholastic privileges, but also heavy responsibility to the Journal. All the editorial members take to heart the Journal’s mission to promote global discourse on East Asia in the 21st century. Initially, the Journal will try its best to totally overcome the imperialism remaining in our mind and frequently haunting this region with violence. The JEAIL will then design a grand roadmap for ‘One Asia.’ It will be the path to realizing a lofty idea of an East Asian framework for fundamental peace through international legal principles with tolerance and harmonization. We believe that “real knowledge integrates human experiences.”

Volume 4, Number 2 publishes top-tier articles with creative, provocative and contemporary ideas. The Issue Focus contains four papers under the topic, Outer Space Development and International Law. Professor Yan Ling from China discusses the highly political question of outer space weaponization, while Mr. Yu Takeuchi from Japan tackles a technical problem of space traffic management. Two female authors from Thailand, Lalin K. and Duangden N. try to identify the liability regime of international space law, comparing it to that of international environmental law. Finally, Professor Yun Zhao from Hong Kong proposes to establish a space law center in Asia. As a leading article, Mr. Zezen Mutaqin writes a paper deeply analyzing a source of customary law, Adat, of traditional Indonesian society in relation to European colonialism. This writing focuses on the academic attainments of Professor Van Vollenhoven in Leiden. His paper utilizes a methodological approach comprising international with comparative law, that would be vital to understanding the initial stages of the East Asian encounter with the westerners with gun as well as the European law of nations in the early colonial period. In the Notes & Comments section, Professor Michael Sheng-ti Gau analyzes the maritime delimitation question in the East China Sea. Although there have been other articles on this topic, the Taiwanese perspective is unusual. His legal analyses are well intermingled with the precise maps he presents in the paper. This pragmatic effort makes the writing valuable both academically and practically. Professor Seryon Lee then discusses the reformation of the UN Security Council. The Security Council reform is such a critical problem in contemporary global

politics that few lawyers have so far released a feasible action program. Readers can find, however, significant proposals in her paper. In *Regional Focus & Controversies*, meanwhile, the topic of Japan's research whaling program in the South Pacific is tackled. This topic has become even more important since Australia instituted proceedings against Japan in a case before the International Court of Justice. Unfortunately, because no Japanese lawyer was willing to present the Japanese case, instead, the ad hoc editorial chamber reports the Japanese arguments. Mr. Rishav Banerjee writes an Indian position on the International Criminal Court in the Student Contribution section. In *International Lawyer: A Dialogue with Judicial Wisdom*, we interview Professor An Chen, a flag-holder Chinese scholar of international economic law. Readers may hear the lofty messages and ideas for peace and co-prosperity of human society from a great mentor of our time.

All editorial staff members had to take a painstaking course selecting and editing articles with more drafts have coming to the Journal since last August. This time also, I cannot but appreciate the great help and encouragement of my colleagues and friends including all editorial members. In particular, two Associate Editors, Professors John Riley and Andrew Wolman contributed so much for this issue. I appreciate their sacrifices. The contributions of our editorial staff: Mr. François LeSieur, Mr. Robert Gallo, and Mr. Darren Bean, were also vital, as was the work of my student assistant, Song-yi Kim, who provided invaluable bluebooking assistance. I would also express my deep apology to Professor Nakatani Kazuhiro for some inconvenience that he never caused. The JEAIL invited three family members in this season: Dr. Nguyen Hong Thao as an editorial board member, and Mr. Raymond Chen-en Sung and Mr. Nguyen Dan Thang as national correspondents. Dr. Thao, professor of international law at the National University of Hanoi, is now serving as the Vietnamese Ambassador to Malaysia. Mr. Sung from Taiwan and Mr. Thang from Vietnam are studying for their Ph.D. at St. Catherine's College, Oxford and Queen's College, Cambridge, respectively. All of us cordially welcome them.

The Journal of East Asia & International Law will be dedicated to discussing the East Asian perspective on contemporary international legal issues. This tiny motion in the beginning, we firmly believe, will become a powerful locomotive leading us to a real peaceful world. With this belief, we continue to welcome your contributions in both English and French. Submissions received before February 1, 2012, will be considered for possible publication of Volume 5, Number 1. We are particularly interested in receiving papers concerning maritime terrorism and ASEAN.

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