

## EDITORIAL

“America is Back!” were the first words that US President-elect Joe Biden delivered to both US and international society. His message shows that the new administration will come out of “America First” to multilateralism and free trade which have been regarded as the contemporary global trend. Such a policy shift requires mutual compromise and cooperation for the US and other allies to realize common values such as economic growth and stability. Human history tells us that no country could keep its development without sharing prosperity. In this sense, two mega-FTAs-RCEP and CPTPP-will be firm stepping stones to vitalize Asia-Pacific trade and investment after Covid-19.

This issue has tackled Covid-19 and State Responsibility as the thematic subject. In the <Issue Focus> section, Professor Patthara Limsira has authored “The Lawsuit against the United States for Causing COVID-19” regarding the jurisdiction to adjudicate the compensation for COVID-19 pandemic’s damages between a Thai restaurant owner and the US government. The <Articles> section contains four research papers. Professors Thaqal S. Al-Ajmi and Ali S. Alnami have analyzed “Kuwait’s Anti-Corruption Body (Nazaha)” from a perspective of international law. Professor Eric Lee has shared his ideas on “How to Translate Academic Stimulus into Creative Legal Writing?” from his practical experiences as editor of globally recognized journals. Dr. Shuo Feng & Professor Wei Shen Chen have written “Changing Sovereignty and Evolutionary Investment Law in a Leaving and Return of the State Paradigm.” Professor Zewei Yang has discussed “The People’s Republic of China and the Development of Contemporary International Law.” The <Notes & Comments> section contains two analytic research papers. Professors Aryuni Yuliantiningsih and other colleagues have coauthored “Indonesian Ocean Policy: Paradigm Shift in Strengthening Ocean Governance.” Professors Trihastuti, Putri & Hananto have discussed “Prevention and Management of Marine Pollution in Malacca Strait.” The <Regional Focus & Controversies> section deals with the question of Armed Conflict with Digitized Technology. Professor Marcel Hendrapati et al. have looked into “Cyber Crime as a Crime of Aggression. Professor Boris Kondoch has analyzed “The Killing of General Quassem Soleimani.” In the <East Asian Observer> section, Dr. Vahid Bazzar has investigated a case concerning “IAEA Inspector’s Fault in Inspecting the Natanz Nuclear Site on October 28, 2019.” We also

appreciate Dr. Wenjun Yan and Ms. Le Thi Ngoc Mai for their review articles. They have reviewed the latest publications: CHINA'S DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL LAW [中国特色大国外交与国际法] (authored by Huikang Huang) and INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ACTUAL ISSUES IN VIET NAM (Edited by Nguyen Hong Thao), respectively.

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