

## EDITORIAL

Covid-19 is threatening “human security.” One of the most serious problems globally in this regard is the big imbalance in the availability of vaccines between developed and developing countries. Most of the Covid-19 vaccines produced this year in the US, the UK and the EU have been provided for developed countries. Such vaccine monopolies prevent more than 85 developing countries from accessing the vaccines within a proper time period. How to facilitate the global supply chain of the coronavirus vaccine is thus a critical point of contention in the contemporary world. Unfortunately, the WHO’s COVAX program is not working well because a few vaccine manufacturing companies are not supportive of this initiative based on their patent rights. Finally, the G20 summit in Rome declared support for “WHO’s global vaccination strategy to boost the supply of vaccines in developing countries and remove relevant supply and financing constraints.” Now is the time to promote global health cooperation to stop the on-going pandemic crisis.

This issue accommodates eight research articles. The thematic issue is Legal Response to Maritime Pollution. Professor Junghwan Choi addresses Domestic Legal System of the Yellow Sea States for the Prevention of Vessel-Source Pollution under the UNCLOS from a comparative legal perspective. Dr. Jinyup Kim analyzes Transboundary Pollution by Japan’s Disposal of Radioactive Water into the Ocean considering the Potential International Litigation. The <Articles> section contains three academic papers. Professor Mary George and Ms. Anneliz R. George examine A Partnership in Comity and Conciliation for the South China Sea Disputes. Professor Patthara Limsira reviews the Journey of Thailand to The Hague Conference on Private International Law. Professor Luye Mou discusses the Political Heart of China’s Exclusionary Rule of Illegally Obtained Evidence focusing on the International Criminal Court from a comparative perspective. In <Note & Comment> section, Professor Sefriani and Ms. Nur Gemilang Mahardhika tackle the Indonesian Legal System for the Implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolution. The <Regional Focus & Controversies> section deals with Legal Effect of State Action. Professor Tran Thang Long from Vietnam authors the Vietnamese Position to the Legal Effect of the Diplomatic Note 1958 as a Unilateral Statement under International Law. Professor Sri Wartini writes the Principle of Permanent Sovereignty over Natural Resources and Sustainable Forest Management

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