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Given the often-unpredictable arena of academic publishing, we were pleased, if not entirely surprised, to learn this autumn that our publisher, the University of California Press, ranks *Asian Survey* a Thoroughbred in its stable of distinguished publications, both in terms of substantive content and circulation. It is encouraging to hear that both electronic and print subscriptions are flourishing. We may, perhaps, trust that our loyal readership has been spreading the word that the Survey in *Asian Survey* refers not to a series of questionnaires (as is often thought) but to a concerted scholarly effort to clarify and analyze in-depth developments in the world's most dynamic regions. As President Obama noted in his November 2014 speech in Brisbane, confronting the world's challenges is "not a distraction from our engagement in this region [Asia-Pacific], it reinforces our engagement in this region. Our rebalance is not only about the United States doing more in Asia, it's also about the Asia Pacific region doing more with us around the world."

Many hands help make the journal a bimonthly reality. Within our Editorial Office, I would like to express my appreciation for their continued efforts and dedication to *Asian Survey* to Managing Editor Dr. David Fraser and Production Editor Bonnie Déhler, as well as our Editorial Assistant, Carrie Huang. I would also like to express my gratitude to a distinguished subset of academic colleagues—our submitting authors and tireless external referees—for their valuable contributions.

Appearing on the journal's masthead for this last issue of 2014 is former Associate Editor for South Asia Dr. Matthew Baxter. I announce with considerable regret Matthew's departure this past summer to accept a well-deserved Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the Center for Cultural Analysis, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. Matthew's background as a Fulbright Scholar significantly shaped the editorial development of our South Asia regional focus in recent years. He pointed our coverage in new directions, culminating with the special issue of 54:4 (July/August 2014) that he organized and edited: *Water, Politics, and Asia*. Matthew also wrote the Introduction, "The Run of the River: Water, Politics, and Asia." He has been an assiduous and insightful Associate Editor, and on behalf of all of us at *Asian Survey*, I wish him well in his future endeavors. I shall be assuming his duties for the time being.

In early 2015, we will streamline our submission and review process by moving to a cutting-edge online platform utilizing ScholarOne; details will be

posted on our home page and in *Asian Survey*'s Style Sheet as they become available. Over the course of this past year, at Dr. Baxter's behest, we have enhanced our social media presence on Facebook and Twitter, where we cordially invite our readers, respectively, to "like" us and "follow" us, as they say. We hope you will continue to enjoy reading *Asian Survey* and find it useful in your own pursuits.

—Lowell Dittmer
Editor, *Asian Survey*

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