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PREFACE: ENVIRONMENTAL LAW IN TAIWAN

As our first thematic issue, this book represents a milestone in the evolution of the *Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal*. As the *Journal* strives to address legal issues from comparative and interdisciplinary perspectives, each special issue will focus on a specific subject area of emerging relevance to the greater Pacific Rim community. Current plans include at least one special issue each year, in addition to the regularly published issues. Among the subjects being considered for future special issues: intellectual property law, anti-monopoly law, international commercial law, trade and environment, and development and human rights.

This special issue was occasioned by the ROC/US Environmental Law and Management Conference, a symposium on environmental protection held at National Sun Yat-sen University, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, Republic of China, on March 23-24, 1993. The articles were developed from presentations made by the authors at the symposium, except for the essay by Professor Cai Shouqui and Mark Voigts on environmental protection in mainland China, which was included to broaden the perspective of the selected articles. A general introduction is provided by Professor William H. Rodgers, Jr. of the University of Washington School of Law.

With respect to content, the articles substantially reflect the material presented at the symposium.¹ Papers were originally presented in Chinese; the translated versions that appear in this issue generally represent the work of the authors, with the assistance of *Journal* staff members. In most cases, the original symposium pieces did not include footnotes; here we have asked the authors to include substantiation where appropriate. The reader is advised that while the accuracy of the added citations has been checked by the *Journal* staff as per standard practice, in a few cases original non-English source materials could not be obtained. Thus, the reader should accept the accuracy of foreign citations with a slight degree of caution. Ultimately, the value in these pieces should derive as much from the historical fact of their concepts and opinions having been presented at the symposium as from any subsequent enhancements in substantiation.

¹ The symposium also featured presentations on various aspects of environmental protection in the United States, as well as presentations on aspects of environmental protection in Taiwan that were more technologically-oriented than the policy-oriented articles presented in this issue.

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