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## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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*Washington International Law Journal's* editorial staff proudly presents the second issue since adopting a new name, expanding the Journal's geographic scope, and revising its mission. While capitalizing on the Journal's close ties to the Pacific Rim region, the Journal now also publishes global perspectives on international legal issues. The articles and comment included herein reflect the best of the Journal's unique strengths and broadened scope.

Loyal readers of *Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal* seeking insightful scholarship on Asia-Pacific legal issues will be rewarded by this issue's inclusion of professional articles by Prof. Lee on the use of foreign precedents in constitutional adjudication by the Supreme Court of Singapore, Prof. Matsui on the tension between free speech and the criminalization of "revenge porn" in Japan, and Mr. Monroe-Sheridan on the impacts the Daiwa bank scandal had on Japanese corporate law. The comment by Mr. Vandebos on the Japanese lay assessor system demonstrates the quality of student scholarship produced by the Journal's editors with the guidance of faculty from the Asian Law Center.

Those readers looking beyond the Pacific Rim will be drawn to our final article, in which Prof. Yap discusses judicial review of legislative action in a jurisdiction this journal has not historically featured: the United Kingdom. In his article, Prof. Yap examines counter-terrorism legislation as examined by the United Kingdom's Supreme Court. His close look at case outcomes and levels of deference provides perspective into judicial-legislative dynamics on a broader scale.

Looking to our future, the next issue will feature articles relating to a *Washington International Law Journal*-organized symposium to be held at the University of Washington School of Law on May 1, 2015. The symposium will address the international community's transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the Sustainable Development Goals. Scholars from around the world will discuss the United Nations' goals and

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efforts since the beginning of the century that seek to reduce poverty and improve lives. Our next issue will serve as a companion to the symposium, including scholarly articles from the conference participants. For inquiries about attending the conference or pre-ordering copies of the special issue, please contact us at [winlj@uw.edu](mailto:winlj@uw.edu).