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FOREWORD: NOTE FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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The staff of the *Washington International Law Journal* proudly presents the second installment of Volume 25. This issue embodies the global reach of the *Journal's* recently-expanded scope while capitalizing on its close ties to the Pacific Rim region. The articles in this issue highlight the *Journal's* mission to provide a forum for non-U.S.-centric legal analysis in the American law review body of publications.

Devoted readers of the *Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal* will see the *Journal's* continued drive to advance legal scholarship on the Pacific Rim region with two insightful articles on legal developments in Taiwan. These include Yung-hua Kuo & Po-liang Chen's article on identity laws in Taiwan and Tay-sheng Wang's article on the process by which Taiwan integrated modern Western law into its domestic governing law.

Merging this rich historical strength with the *Journal's* new global perspective, readers looking for articles that reach beyond the Pacific Rim region will be rewarded with Michael Ramsden's article that discusses the role United Nations treaties can play in advancing humanitarian efforts, and Nadim Damluji's note on the role the United Nations can play in protecting public access to fresh water in areas subject to Daesh control. Readers will also find insightful analysis from comments by Mina Manuchehri on the United Nation's ability to protect women's rights during land acquisitions in the developing world, and Tomer Vandsburger on the future of the Israeli state-sponsored pension program.

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