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# Prefatory Note

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**T**HE Faculty of Letters (currently the School of Letters, Graduate School of Humanities, and Faculty of Humanities) of Kyushu University celebrated its 90th anniversary in 2014. In order to commemorate this anniversary and share our research and accomplishments with the global academic community, we decided to publish an international journal annually. The current volume represents our inaugural effort. I am confident that this journal will make a contribution to a greater understanding of the humanities and will continue to make its influence felt in the international academic world.

Thanks are due to all who have helped to make this journal possible. The efforts of Professor Tomoyuki Kubo, Associate Professor Ellen Van Goethem, and Visiting Assistant Professor Lindsey DeWitt have been critical to realizing the journal.

I would especially like to acknowledge the work done by Professor Cynthia Bogel, who serves as journal editor and also as volume editor for this first issue, *Envisioning History*. I hope the new journal will contribute to the vital history of Asian Humanities in the world.