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Prefatory Note

ТОМОҮИКІ КИВО

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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. This second volume represents our ongoing 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. I would especially like to acknowledge the work done by professors Cynthea J. Bogel, journal editor, and Ellen Van Goethem; their creativity and efforts have been critical to realizing the journal.

I sincerely hope this journal will contribute to the vital history of Asian Humanities in the world.