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FROM THE PRESIDENT

October 16, 2002

Dear Members and Friends of CEAL:

Having just attended a reunion of old friends who traveled from Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, New Zealand and many states of the U.S. to meet in Seattle, I am beginning to look forward with anticipation to the time we will spend together next Spring in New York City, renewing old acquaintances, meeting new colleagues, and discussing the issues of importance to our profession.

Today's email brings the first reminder from the CEAL Statistics Committee of our annual statistical compilation. Please take advantage of the high-tech method provided by committee members Vickie Fu Doll and Fung-yin Kuo Simpson and be among the first to submit your library's statistics directly on the web. The sooner we submit our information, the sooner the compilation can be completed and the results made available to all of us.

At the second Executive Committee meeting in Washington, I appointed CEAL Vice-President/President-Elect Abraham Yu as Chair of an Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee. He has been working hard along with committee members David Hickey, Zhijia Shen, and Amy Tsiang, addressing a number of issues referred to them by the Executive Committee. The Ad Hoc Committee has just completed their report. Following discussion by the Executive Committee, you will all be receiving more information and the opportunity to vote on their recommendations.

This issue of the Journal of East Asian Libraries (JEAL) continues the reports of our 2002 meetings in Washington, D.C. Two articles highlight the Midwest, one on the information needs of East Asian communities in Chicago and another on the University of Michigan's experience in Pinyin conversion. Happy reading!

Bill McCloy, President
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