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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends of CEAL:

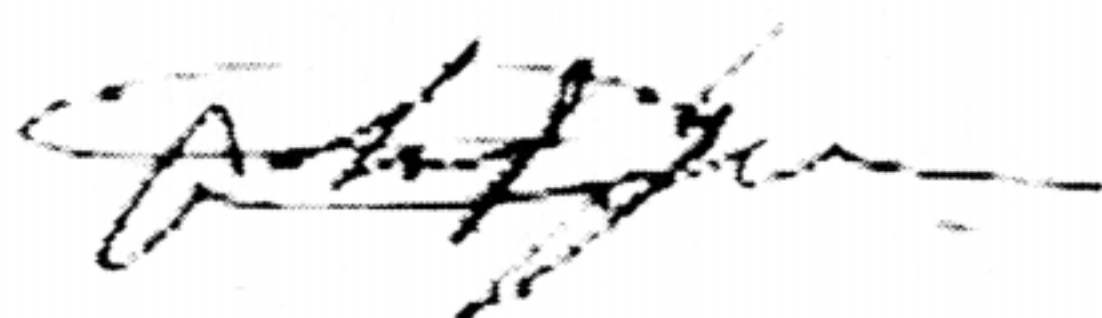
It is a great pleasure to report that through the support of CEAL members, the proposed revisions and amendments to the CEAL Procedures were approved by more than two-thirds of the votes cast in July and August 2003. With the new Bylaws in place, CEAL officers and committee members will be able to provide better services to the East Asian Library Community in many areas.

As you know, the approval of the revisions and amendments to the CEAL Procedures was just one of the challenges that lie before us. Another challenge is regarding the future of JEAL. Should JEAL be a peer-reviewed journal or not, and how? I appreciate the comments and suggestions I received recently. Additional challenges are the comprehensive review of the Library of Congress Subject Headings and the Name Authority Records for CJK entries. These two challenges were recommended recently by our highly respected colleagues for CEAL to consider and to carry out in consultation and collaboration with the Library of Congress.

This issue of our Journal is indeed fully packed with information, including articles, announcements, the approved Bylaws, and the Executive Committee meeting minutes, etc. Articles in this issue include East Asian character codes and Unicode (a technical article about why some characters don't display), a survey of pre-modern Korean novels in UC Berkeley's Asami Collection, purchasing specialized East Asian materials on EBay, and bibliographic instruction in Japanese studies. In addition, there is an article from Tsuneharu Gonnami, which is the second of the East Asian Library Pioneers Series. I hope you will find these articles informative and interesting.

For efficiency and cost-effectiveness, beginning with the June 2003 issue, the printing and mailing of JEAL have been managed and coordinated by Gail King, the JEAL Editor. Please join me in thanking Gail for her willingness to accept the extra workload. Additionally, I would like to thank David Hickey, Zhijia Shen, and Amy Tsiang, members of the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee, for their hard work. I also would like to thank Wooseob Jeong, Chair of the Committee on Library Technology, for programming and developing the first electronic ballot for the CEAL Bylaws. Ballot in electronic format has proven to be more effective and efficient than in paper format. We would like to implement the electronic ballot for the upcoming elections.

Sincerely,



Abraham J. Yu, President
Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL)

