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From the President

It seems like just yesterday when I was reading the president's messages of different issues of *JEAL* as a junior librarian. Now, with the swift passage of the years, I am writing the president's message myself. It brings me a sense of both evolution and obligation.

In the years since I was a junior librarian, East Asian Librarianship has been evolving, CEAL has been evolving, and *JEAL* has been evolving. Reviewing the contents of this issue of *JEAL*, I see a mixture of new and traditional topics such as data curation and collection development, global collaboration on improving access to digital resources, special libraries, archives, and Web-based collections, rare book descriptions, donated collections, and new technology applications. I remember the past topics of articles in *JEAL* such as Card Cataloging, Shelf Listing, Paper Indexes, MARC Records, OPAC, and others, and expect to see topics like Crowdsourcing, Web-archiving, Digital Scholarship, 3D Imaging, Linked-data, and more Global Collaborations in future issues of *JEAL*.

Witnessing the evolution of topics of articles published in *JEAL* reminds me of our historical obligation. Looking back, we remember how past generations of East Asian Librarians dedicated their talents and knowledge to this journal to benefit their peers and prepare the future generation of librarians (I was one of them). Looking forward, we are all obligated to continue the evolution of East Asian Librarianship and to contribute to *JEAL*.

Evolution advances our knowledge, empowers our profession, and changes the world. Recalling our obligations keeps our memories fresh, continues our tradition, and reminds us of our commitments to our past and future.

I hope you will enjoy this issue of JEAL as much as I do.

Jim Cheng
President of CEAL