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FROM THE PRESIDENT

October 1, 2001

Dear Members and Friends of CEAL:

As I write this message and reflect on today’s date, several things come to mind. After the events of Sept. 11, 2001, in a number of profound ways our lives will never be quite the same. For some of us, dates and times will take on a new significance. Nevertheless, we continue on with life and work in the present and with plans and hopes for the future.

Looking to the past, today marks the 52nd anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China. Looking to the present, today marks the first day of fall quarter for students at my institution, and I reflect on new beginnings. Looking to the future, today also marks the approximate half-way point between the 2001 and 2002 CEAL annual meetings, and I think of marvelous things to come. Your CEAL committee chairs and committee members are already actively planning meetings and workshops for our Washington, D.C. conference in April 2002. Soon you should see the draft schedule posted on our website: http://purl.oclc.org/net/ceal. Please contact your committee chairs or any of the CEAL Executive Committee members if you have good ideas for presentations and discussions, and volunteer to participate actively yourself. The names of these individuals are listed on the inside front cover of JEAL, the Journal of East Asian Libraries. Their contact information is listed in our online CEAL Directory.

Included in this issue are the minutes of the two CEAL Executive Committee meetings from the Chicago conference. I would like to call your attention to three appointments mentioned there. Jim Cheng of the University of Iowa has agreed to chair a new ad hoc CEAL Membership Committee. Its first charge will be to investigate the best way of keeping our CEAL Directory up to date. Sun-Yoon Lee of the University of Southern California has agreed to serve as our Equipment Coordinator for the 2002 conference. Her excellent computer skills and strong experience should help to make our meetings flow smoothly as she coordinates the behind-the-scenes arrangements for internet connections, software and hardware needed for our increasingly complicated (and impressive!) presentations. Finally, Vickie Fu Doll of the University of Kansas will continue to work with Fung-yin Simpson of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in collecting, organizing and disseminating our CEAL statistics. Vickie will serve as chair of a new Standing Committee on Statistics. I am very grateful to these individuals for their willingness to serve all of us in CEAL. If they should approach you to work with them, please say "yes"!

Bill McCloy, President
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