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FROM THE PRESIDENT

March 11, 2002

Dear Members and Friends of CEAL:

By the time you receive this issue of the Journal of East Asian Libraries, we should have concluded our annual CEAL meeting in Washington, D.C. and elected new committee chairs and a new Vice-President/President-Elect. I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank those members of the Executive Committee who have just rotated off: Yuan Zhou (Chinese Materials Committee, 1999-2002), Hideyuki Morimoto (Japanese Materials Committee, 1999-2002), Joy Kim (Korean Materials Committee, 1999-2002), Rob Britt (Library Technology Committee, 1999-2002), Cathy Chiu (Public Services Committee, 1999-2002), Abraham Yu (Technical Processing Committee, 1999-2002), Anna U (Member at Large, 1999-2002), and Sarah Su-Erh Elman (Member at Large, 2001-2002). The success of our annual conferences is due to the talent, hard work, and dedication of these members. I would also like to thank all of you who agreed to have your names placed on the recent ballot. Ours is an organization with many talented, busy people, and sometimes it is difficult to consider taking on "one more thing." Nevertheless, when our colleagues agree to serve, we all gain by their contributions to our profession. I would also like to offer thanks to staff of the Library of Congress who co-sponsored two workshops during the conference and provided many opportunities for CEAL and AAS members to visit and view their special collections.

This issue of the Journal includes the all-important annual CEAL Statistical Report, a report of Japanese commercial databases, reflections by our recently-retired colleague Frank Shulman on his long and distinguished career as an Asian Studies bibliographer, a report on last year’s Japan Foundation/National Diet Library Japanese Studies Librarians’ Training Program, as well as committee activities and announcements.

Bill McCloy, President
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