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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends of CEAL:

It is a great honor and privilege for me to be the President of CEAL. This position is definitely a challenging role, but I am committed to maintaining the high standards set before me. As the CEAL President, I am more than honored that many of you, as members of CEAL, are committed to working alongside with me. All of our CEAL members are highly reputable as most of you are Chief librarians, experts in various fields, library administrators, and leaders in East Asian library communities. If you are currently not a member, I strongly encourage you to join and become a part of the CEAL family.

CEAL members are not limited to only one geographic location. We are a diverse group with members not only from North America but also from Asia, Australia, and Europe. Even though we may have different cultural backgrounds, we make up one team; as a team, we face the coming challenges together.

The current challenge before us is making amendments to the CEAL Procedures. The CEAL Procedures have not been revised for seven years and are no longer up-to-date. The members of the CEAL Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee (David Hickey, Zhijia Shen, Amy Tsiang, Abraham J. Yu) have been working very hard to revise the draft bylaws based on comments and suggestions received from the members. Our first electronic ballot will tentatively become available to CEAL members in July. Your participation and support are deeply appreciated.

This issue of the Journal of East Asian Libraries includes articles on the "same book with different name phenomenon" in Chinese publishing and reports about programs and workshops. Chinese Studies librarians will be interested in the summer workshop at the University of Pittsburgh in 2004. The autobiographical memoir by T. H. Chien about his study at the University of Chicago Graduate Library School is the first in a planned series on East Asian Library Pioneers. In addition, we would like to honor the retirees (Weiying Wan, Tsuneharu Gonnami, Wen-kai Kung) and remember and honor our colleagues (Edwin G. Beal, Dorothy "Dottie" Day, Arthur Miyazaki) who have recently passed away and all of their lasting contributions.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bill McCloy, immediate past President, for his devout leadership, dedication, and outstanding achievements in the last four years. I would also like to recognize the outgoing CEAL Officers and welcome the newly elected Executive Committee members: Joy Kim (Secretary) succeeding Doris Seely; Sarah Elman (Treasurer) succeeding Wen-ling Liu; Robert Felsing and Kristina Troost (Members-at-Large) succeeding Hsi-chu Bolick and Sachie Noguchi. Finally, please join me in thanking Gail King for agreeing to stay as the JEAL Editor for another three-year term. I am looking forward to working together with you all in the next few years.

Sincerely,

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