Editor’s Note

The Asian-Pacific Law & Policy Journal strives to provide our readership cutting edge articles on the most important legal and political issues facing the Asian-Pacific Region. We are an electronic journal with a readership and authorship that literally spans the globe. Our objective is not only to advance scholarship in the region, but also to offer a lens into this part of the world. To this end, our authors, many of whom are from the places they write about, bring a critical local perspective to their articles. Moreover, we continue to strive to bring our audience case and statute translations, which are otherwise unavailable in English.

Rated second among Asian law journals by Washington and Lee, the Asian-Pacific Law & Policy Journal is once again proud to publish the scholarly works of foreign law experts from around the region. In our first article, Professor Chang, of National Chengchi University in Taiwan, presents a detailed account of the need for regulatory reform of financial conglomerates in China. In our next article, Kyungho Choi, an SJD candidate at Indiana University’s Maurer School of Law and a Korean national, offers a glimpse into Korea’s new Foreign Legal Consultants Act, which is certain to be useful for any foreign attorney considering a practice in South Korea. In our next article, Diane Desierto, currently pursuing an SJD at Yale Law School, suggests using the South African Constitutional Court’s adjudication of socio-economic rights as a model for the Supreme Court to follow in determining the justiciability of social rights in her native Philippines. In our final article, Dr. Myadar provides a riveting account of the dangers posed by Mongolia’s land reform movement and its juxtaposition with Mongolia’s ‘essentialized’ nomadic past.

It is also with immense pride that we publish two important comments written by our classmates at the William S. Richardson School of Law. In our first comment, Chasid Sapolu, raised on the Wai‘anae coast of the island of O’ahu, Hawai‘i, describes the environmental injustice borne upon the residents of his hometown. In our second comment, Uilisone Tua, who grew up in American Samoa, argues persuasively for the need to establish a federal court in his home jurisdiction. We are also happy to report that the next installment of our annual translation of Professor Tsunemoto’s article, regarding the latest trends in Japanese constitutional law, is ready for publication. Please note that the link to the translation is only temporary and after May of 2010, the translation will only be available in its original location in Volume 10, Issue 2. Our law school translators are hard at work preparing the next installment, which should be ready for publication in our spring issue.
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On behalf of the Asian-Pacific Law & Policy Journal,
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