A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

The Program in East Asian Studies of Western Washington State College is starting its series of occasional papers in the hope that it will make some small contribution to better knowledge and understanding of East Asia. Sailing into the storm of economic depression with no budget of our own, we decided to make the most of our adversity. Unlike similar endeavors by other schools, we are not obliged to publish a certain number of issues per year nor to seek manuscripts only within our own school. Consequently, we will be pleased to consider scholarly manuscripts from anyone anywhere on any aspect of East Asia.

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