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It is with great pride and pleasure that we present the inaugural issue of the *Columbia Journal of Asian Law*.

After nine successful years as the *Journal of Chinese Law*, the Board of Editors has decided to broaden the scope and coverage of our publication to include the ongoing legal developments throughout Asia. We believe this is an especially fortuitous time to expand the reach of our publication. Economic, social and political change in Asia has spawned an increasing number of exciting legal issues and controversies, and the quality and quantity of the scholarship in the field grows each year. At the Columbia University School of Law, the *Columbia Journal of Asian Law* is uniquely poised to stay on top of the field. Located in one of the most internationally oriented cities in the world, Columbia is the only law school with Centers for Chinese, Japanese and Korean Legal Studies, which are providing resources and ongoing support to this endeavor.

The *Columbia Journal of Asian Law* will publish the work of leading scholars, practicing attorneys and government officials, as well as student-written notes. The geographic and topical scope of the *Columbia Journal of Asian Law* includes almost every aspect of Asian law in the entire Asian region, with an initial focus on China, Japan, and Korea. In the pages that follow the reader will find an article on enforcing civil judgments in mainland China, an overview of Korean securities law and the issues facing foreign investors, an analysis of the current political and legislative struggle to control religious groups in Japan, a discussion of Taiwan's plan to establish itself as the Asia-Pacific Regional Operations Center, as well as the publication of a lecture from one of the drafters of the new Uniform Contract Law for the People's Republic of China and a commentary on the new Administrative Procedure Law in the P.R.C.

As the *Columbia Journal of Asian Law* broadens its scope and coverage, it is also expanding its reach into a new medium. The *Columbia Journal of Asian Law* is the first journal at the Columbia University School of Law to have a World Wide Web site on the Internet. AsiaWeb will provide abstracts of every issue of the *Journal of Chinese Law* and the *Columbia Journal of Asian Law* as well as additional information in a format and frequency not possible via bound issues. AsiaWeb will also provide subscribers and the Journal another medium by which to communicate on a much more timely basis.

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