

Editor's Note

It is a pleasure to welcome David D. Buck as the next editor of *JAS*, for a three-year term beginning January 1, 1990. Professor Buck's impressive record of scholarly activity and editorial experience assures the membership of the AAS and the wider world of scholarship that the *Journal* will be in excellent hands. He and his fellow editors welcome inquiries and comments from readers about any aspect of the *Journal*. Professor Buck may be reached at the Department of History, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

Nearly two thousand scholars throughout the profession, both in and out of the academy, have contributed their time and expertise as authors, reviewers, referees, and editors to produce the *Journal* during the past three years. I am grateful to each of them, as I am to the officers, directors, and staff of the AAS, for cheerful support along the way. The editors have been fortunate to work closely with the skilled production staff of the University of California Press, including Proofreader Bonnie Dehler and especially Manuscript Editor Betsey Scheiner. Above all, I have been privileged to serve with the dozen exceptional colleagues who constituted the *JAS* editorial board during the last three years. The vigor of the leadership they have provided, the range and depth of the book reviews they have received, and the crisp insights of the articles we have published augur well for the future of Asian studies both in North America and around the world.

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