

## *From the Editorial Desk*

Since the publication of the first issue in December 2006, JOAAG has travelled a long way and is about to begin the fourth year of its journey. Meanwhile, JOAAG has established itself as a reputable and reliable professional journal among academics and governance practitioners. The JOAAG editorial board has also been revamped with the inclusion of more members from around the Asia Pacific region to strengthen its profile and exposure. Dr Bruce Thomson has kindly consented to become the journal's Assistant Editor.

JOAAG web site had been visited by more than 5,000 visitors as of December 2008 that demonstrates the extent of its popularity within the wider community. A number of JOAAG articles are now translated and/or reprinted in edited books with permission from JOAAG. In recognition to our popularity and quality, JOAAG has recently been approached by a major academic journal data bank to become a part of their database which could provide JOAAG with even greater exposure and stronger reputation. We are currently in negotiation with the data bank to finalise the deal.

I would like to thank all authors, reviewers and editorial board members for their ongoing contributions in achieving this success. I am sure JOAAG will carry forward this success and will continue to remain as a popular and useful depository of governance-related academic materials within the Asia Pacific and beyond.

Sincerely yours,

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