

Editor's Note

The beginning of a new volume seems a good time for some reminders about the *Journal*. First, please remember that it is your journal, the journal of the Association, and that it depends on the membership for articles, expert readers, and reviewers. We as an editorial board are grateful for the excellent cooperation we have from so many people.

Please continue to think of the *Journal* for your best articles. A check of our log for this year confirms that we are meeting our average turnaround time of three months. There are exceptions and delays in individual cases, but we try very hard to provide as quick a decision as possible, in part because we want authors to be able to move on to another journal if it turns out that this one is not appropriate for their particular piece. In addition to a relatively quick decision, we are able in most cases to provide publication within one year. This, of course, varies from field to field since we try to have some balance in each issue. At the moment, for example, an article accepted in the China field would go into the next issue, but an article on Southeast Asia (where we have had a spate of first-rate articles accepted) would have to wait for several issues. The situation, of course, changes from month to month. We are especially interested in material of comparative or Asia-wide interest.

Please be in touch with any of us if you have questions about the *Journal* or suggestions you think would be helpful.