

Last Issue of *Far Eastern Studies*

The Center for Far Eastern Studies (C-FES) was established at the University of Toyama in 2001. Since its founding, the C-FES has evolved into a significant base of Northeast Asian studies in Japan, and as a center for promoting deeper ties and conveying the latest research about Northeast Asia to scholars in Japan and throughout the region. The C-FES's journal, *Far Eastern Studies*, is the only English-language journal addressing the Northeast Asian region published in Japan. The journal has been produced annually since 2002. The journal has brought some 46 excellent articles by authors in Japan and other countries to a wider audience across the region—China, Russia, and Korea—and thereby opened lines of communication among scholars throughout Northeast Asia. As an interdisciplinary institute that deals with economic, social, and environmental themes, the C-FES has published papers ranging in content from social sciences to natural sciences with the only proviso being that the content must be related to Northeast Asia.

Northeast Asian studies have seen remarkable development over the past decade, and many new journals have sprung up that carry high-quality articles about region. The C-FES too seeks to provide a venue for communication among Northeast Asian scholars who are engaged in work relating to region. To get high-quality papers published in Japan into print and out to an international audience, we decided it was important to publish an international journal of Northeast Asian studies, not at the behest of the C-FES, but at the initiative of the Association for Northeast Asia Regional Studies. All effort and thought that the C-FES put into the journal *Far Eastern Studies* to advance areas studies and contribute to the development and stabilization Northeast Asia have been transferred to the Association for Northeast Asia Regional Studies. The Association for Northeast Asia Regional Studies will publish Volume 12 of the *Far Eastern Studies* under the new journal title *Frontier of North East Asian Studies*, and is committed as ever to bringing thought-provoking, interesting studies about Northeast Asia to a global audience, as well as promoting communication among scholars throughout the region.

The Association, like the C-FES, supports a broad range of research relating to Northeast Asia, and welcomes interdisciplinary submissions cutting across social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences that offer new insights and contribute to Northeast Asia area studies. As before, C-FES staff shall be primarily involved in editing. Note that one does not have to be a member of the Association for Northeast Asia Regional Studies to submit papers to the *Frontier of North East Asian Studies*. The journal has an open submissions policy and accepts well-written papers from anyone. To all who have published papers in C-FES's *Far Eastern Studies* journal in the past, we hope you will continue to

submit your manuscripts to the *Frontier of North East Asian Studies*.

Finally, a word of thanks to our loyal readers of *Far Eastern Studies* for your continued support. We remain committed to the further development of Northeast Asian studies, and the University of Toyama's Center for Far Eastern Studies shall continue to actively promote research about Northeast Asia, and make the findings readily available in English in the years ahead.

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