

## Editorial

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Volume 27 of the *Journal* is a *festschrift* in honor of its founder, Professor Hungdah Chiu. Simultaneously looking to the future and the past, it acts as snapshot of where China and Taiwan are in many areas. Our contributors look forward and begin or continue conversations on China's legal system, its adoption of quasi-private property rights, its human rights record, its intellectual property law, and the future of international banking in the age of a rising China. This Volume also looks back to the founding of law schools in Shanghai during the Republican Era, as well as China's first uses of Western international law to its own advantage. Of course, this Volume would not be complete without a piece on "mutual non-denial," a concept which might be Professor Chiu's most innovative and enduring. The editors and I hope this Volume's contents will inspire debate and collaboration across the Strait and beyond.

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