In May 1998, School of Law Professor Hungdah Chiu, newly installed as president of the International Law Association (ILA), organized and directed the 68th Biennial World Conference of the ILA in Taipei, Republic of China. More than 350 legal scholars from throughout the world attended, including members of the International Court of Justice, and the Law and the Sea Tribunal. The ILA serves a function in the arena of international law parallel to that of the American Law Institute, making recommendations to member nations and international organizations relating to international law.