

Welcome Message: AAWH Executive Secretary Professor Ji-Hyung CHO



It is my great honor and pleasure to announce that as of January 2013, the Asian Association of World Historians has its own journal, the Asian Review of World Historians. Also I am extremely delighted to announce that the third international congress will be held at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore in May 2015.

I am sure that this new journal will act as forum for scholars on world historical studies in and for the Asian region, including the Pacific and West Asia.

The scholarship of world history has been dominated by Eurocentrist perspectives for too long. As the globalization of the world progresses, Asian perspectives have attracted many historians because the historical importance of Asia has reemerged. This journal will provide the world with the voices of Asian interpretations of world history and contribute to more balanced world historical studies. By examining historical problems in changes over time, this journal seeks the participation of those who identify themselves as 'global', 'world', 'transregional', 'comparative', 'international', or 'big' historians, and all others with interest in a 'connected' study of the past. This scholarly community will strive to transcend traditional boundaries and dichotomies as a forum for interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary conversations across a wide variety of social and natural sciences and collaboration of historians with scholars in adjoining disciplines, including and with global historical scholars in all parts of the world.

I am also very certain that the third international congress will be a spectacular summit for the purpose of improving and spreading the Asian interpretations of world history among the Asian scholars, as well as scholars as a whole. The AAWH has been extremely successful in sponsoring outstanding international meetings as in the case of the first congress in Osaka in 2009 and the second congress in Seoul in 2012 with fascinating topics and so many participants. Definitely, Nanyang Technological University is the best place for the AAWH's third congress as Singapore is a global city and the History Group of Nanyang Technological University has an outstanding international reputation in global history and studies. With the strong leadership of Professor LIU Hong, the NTU History Group will surely make admirable contributions to the dynamic growth of the AAWH.

No one can deny the observation that the field of world/global history is steadily increasing on the global scene. The Network of Global and World History Organizations (NOGWHISTO), of which a formal member is the AAWH, was accepted as a formal member association of the International Committee of Historical Sciences (CISH) in August 2010. And world and global

history is expected to play an important role in setting agendas and primary sessions in the next CISH Conference in China in 2015. I am sure that the AAWH will significantly contribute to the successful completion of the CISH conference.

Thus I expect that scholars of all disciplines, as well as historians, will participate in the third conference in Nanyang Technological University in Singapore and submit many articles and book reviews to the Asian Review of World Histories with interesting and provocative viewpoints, topics and methodologies. I am fully confident that the AAWH and the ARWH will give us a brighter future and more balanced views of the world in history.

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