

Preface

Most of the articles included in this issue are selected from papers presented at the 13th East Asian Economic and Cultural Forum. The authors are from various universities in China, South Korea, Denmark, and the UK. The Forum was originally co-founded and rotationally hosted by Jiaxing University and the South Korean Catholic Kwandong University. The Forum has held 13 successful sessions so far. The focus of the Forum is the “East Asian Development Model”, and it looks at the political, economic, social, and cultural issues involved in the regional integration process.



The above picture includes some of the key university leaders and participants of the 13th East Asian Economic and Cultural Forum held at Jiaxing University in October 2017. The speakers came from a number of universities, including Jiaxing University in China, Chubu University in Japan, Dong-Eui University in South Korea, Aalborg University in Denmark, and the University of London in the UK.



The next forum will be hosted by Dong-Eui University in South Korea in November 2018. The above picture shows the signing of the bilateral cooperation agreement between President Sheng Songen of Jiaxing University and President Sun-jin Kong of Dong-Eui University. The bilateral cooperation includes the rotational hosting of the Forum between the two universities.

In light of the discussions included in this issue by the scholars who have attended the Forum and who analyze a variety of issues concerning the impact of the rise of China on global governance, regional integration, and China's international relations, the current issue also includes an article by Nidi Bueno, Natalia B. R. Coelho, and Renata Corrêa Ribeiro who analyze the perceptions of China held by the Brazilian elite, given China's commercial significance to Brazil.

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