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It is very my great pleasure to introduce this first issue of Volume 10 of the *South Pacific Journal of Psychology*. It is a real honour to have such esteemed Editors and contributors making such a worthwhile and relevant contribution to the pages of this journal. I will let the pages themselves do the talking, but wish to single out Paul Watters' wonderful work in coordinating the whole venture. This is our first "special issue," and every indication is that it will not be the last.

It merely remains for me to indicate to our readers that there is indeed a second issue, for Volume 10, in the making.

Watch this space for more editorial news in Volume 10, issue number 2!

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Special Issue: Asia-Pacific Language Research

Welcome to the special issue of Asia-Pacific Language Research. The high density of indigenous and non-indigenous languages spoken and written in the Pacific-Asia region makes it a fertile area for language research, especially psycholinguistics and sociolinguistics. In addition, important advances in more general areas of language processing and linguistics, such as the computer modelling of language, are being made increasingly in the Pacific-Asia region. This special issue is intended as an inter-disciplinary showcase for research on all aspects of language being conducted in the region.

Many different perspectives on language and language use in the Asia-Pacific region are represented in this special issue. Historical perspectives on language are presented alongside contemporary studies examining the role that new technologies, such as the Internet, will play in human communication in the future. Basic processes in psycholinguistics are elucidated through language disorders in the elderly, as is the importance of developing psychological theories of language processing.

In addition to the papers presented in this printed volume, there are several book reviews accompanying this special issue which are available at the journal's electronic resource centre:

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