

Editorial Note

In September 1989 the *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* began publishing reviews of Asian language books, and particularly of books written in Southeast Asian languages, on a regular basis. In the past these reviews have been collected in a separate section as a way of highlighting regional scholarship. Beginning with the current issue, reviews of books in Asian languages will be integrated with other book reviews. Scholarship in regional languages plays a significant part in the study of Southeast Asia, and offers perspectives that are not always available in materials written in Western languages. The Editorial Board considers it an important function of the Journal to call attention to new and important works appearing in Southeast Asia. However, regional scholarship is part of what has become a worldwide academic discourse, and the Editors feel that the new layout is an appropriate reflection of this point.

Another change in the current issue is the inclusion in the Book Review Section of short notes in addition to full reviews of titles. The Journal now receives approximately 100 titles for review each year, and it is not possible to publish 50 reviews in each issue. By utilizing short notes, we can call attention to a greater number of new titles as a service to our readers and to the publishers who are generous enough to send complimentary copies of their publications for review.

The Editors