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Foreword

As stated in the foreword of the previous issue, *Hukay* is currently undergoing major changes for it to be transformed into an international journal. Since the beginning, *Hukay* has been committed to publishing articles that help broaden the span of archaeology within these regions. This change is not necessarily a leap. One may browse through the previous articles published in this journal, noticing that the topics have ranged from the specific study of a subject, yet mostly still fall within the Asia and the Pacific regions. Knowing this, we editors of *Hukay* believe that this development is not necessarily new. It is high time for the title of the journal to update and reflect the changes that have already manifested in our publications. With thorough and intensive discussion, we have decided to rename the journal as *Hukay: Journal for Archaeological Research in Asia and the Pacific*. In order to reach a wider audience and increase accessibility, *Hukay* is now also available online at www.orientalscholar.com.

True to the implementation of these changes, the results of the three articles included in this volume have an impact on a regional—that is, the Philippines—and global scale. Dizon and his colleagues account the lack of bones in a supposed burial in Batanes, located at the north of the Philippines. Because boat-shaped burial markers are common in Batanes, the authors enquire whether this absence is caused by environmental factors.

Meanwhile, Mijares' article on the Peñablanca flake tools analyses manufacturing techniques and the evidence of use-wear. It also proposes that the unchanging stone tool technology provides evidence that hunter-gatherer populations were not replaced by farmers in Cagayan Valley 3,500 years ago. This is a good study of long term histories that may help us understand that social categories based on subsistence economy are not rigid in this region due to interethnic trade relationships.

Similarly, Lewis and her fellow authors attempt to understand the local climatic history of Tabon Cave by analysing a gypsum speleothem layer. This layer can be used in reconstructing climatic conditions during the Pleistocene and Holocene periods in the Southeast Asian region. In addition,

the layer also produced uranium series dates which may provide a good chronology of archaeological deposits in Tabon Cave.

Included also in this issue are three reviews of Armand Salvador Mijares' book *Unearthing Prehistory: The Archaeology of Northeastern Luzon*. Published by the British Archaeological Reports, Mijares' investigation of three cave sites in Cagayan Valley is a very significant contribution to understanding the interaction between farmers and foragers and Austronesian migration. Mijares employed a variety of techniques including soil micromorphology, technological and use-wear analysis, and petrographic analysis.

The regions and subjects that these articles discussed reflect the direction that Hukay is facing. There is certainly still more room to grow, yet we all hope that with the renewal of regional scope, while still maintaining the objectives that steered this journal to its current position, we can also start to embrace a wider range of subjects and perspectives.

The Editors