

Letter from the Editor

In this issue, the *International Journal of Not-for-Profit Law* features two articles on Asian not-for-profit law, with particular attention to the historical and cultural elements that shape it. **Masayuki Deguchi**, a Professor at the National Museum of Ethnology and SOKENDAI (the Graduate University for Advanced Studies), Japan, draws on his past experience as on the Public Interest Corporation Commission to assess the origins, structure, and regulation of the Public Interest Corporation in Japan. **Damian Bethke**, who recently completed his Ph.D. at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, outlines the distinct culture of giving in Hong Kong as a basis for evaluating proposed reforms to charity law.

Other articles in the issue examine a variety of topics. **Konstantinos D. Magliveras**, a Professor in the Department of Mediterranean Studies at the University of Aegean, Greece, analyzes similarities and differences between Greece and England in terms of freedom of association, freedom of assembly, and the regulation of nongovernmental organizations. **Mohammed Obaidullah, Ph.D.**, a Senior Economist at the Islamic Research and Training Institute of the Islamic Development Bank Group in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, and a Professor in Islamic Finance at Islamic Science University of Malaysia, develops and applies an analytical framework for Islamic endowment laws. **Isida Tushe** of Hofstra University provides an overview of the New York Nonprofit Revitalization Act. Finally, **Eugene H. Fram**, Professor Emeritus at the Saunders College of Business, Rochester Institute of Technology, outlines the Intermediate Sanctions Act in the United States and the obligations it imposes on board members and managers of not-for-profit organizations.

We gratefully acknowledge the assistance of anonymous referees who helped with some of the articles. Most of all, of course, we thank the authors for sharing their expertise, and we invite readers to share their own expertise. The *International Journal of Not-for-Profit Law* welcome manuscripts addressing legal aspects of civil society, philanthropy, and not-for-profit organizations around the world.

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