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Editorial

Welcome to the new look Asian Journal on Energy and Environment

AJEE was first published in 2000 by the Graduate School on Energy and Environment (JGSEE) in Thailand. Its success as a print journal was largely due to the efforts of Dr. Sirintornthep Towprayoon. In 2008, JGSEE took the decision to embark upon a new journal with a more international flavour and it appeared for a time that AJEE would be discarded. Given the past efforts of many people to maintain the journal and the clear need in the region for a journal of this nature, negotiations commenced with JGSEE to allow the journal to continue, albeit under a different format and a different publishing team. Thanks to the foresight of the JGSEE Director, Dr. Bundit Fungthammasan, this has now been allowed to happen and JGSEE will continue to have an active role in the journal.

With the advent of the Internet and with it open access publishing, the burden of sustaining a journal is less daunting than it was in the days of print. Still, there remains the need to attract manuscripts and to satisfy the review process. Fortunately, our task has been made easier in this regard by the offers of assistance from a number of research bodies in the region who have agreed to be partners in this journal. Special mention should be made of our Board Member, Prof. Tanongkiat Kiatsiriroat, who has agreed to support us with papers from conferences under his province and who has been tireless in his support over the years.

While AJEE effectively ceased publication in 2005, we are gathering sufficient material to ensure continuity. To achieve this we will adopt the engineering practice of backfilling. This means that access to all issues will not be immediately available and, initially at least, the journal will have a distinct Thai flavour. One measure of our success will be the increased interest and contributions from the rest of Asia, as well as near neighbours such as New Zealand and Australia. Our major objective over time is to continually work on enhancing the quality of our published articles. This will be achieved by gradually fine-tuning the review

process. As an editorial team, we regard it as our responsibility to assist the citation process for our contributors. Again, the Internet is making this task much simpler with resources such as scholar.google and getcited.org. We will make maximum use of these resources to enhance citation for our authors.

To revive the journal, prepare back issues and develop the web site, a small grant was provided by the National Research Council of Thailand, for which we will be eternally grateful.

Another major objective of the AJEE will be to provide an avenue for publishing papers from energy and environment-related conferences in the region, to ensure this work reaches a wider audience. We firmly believe the future of publishing research will be open access, just as we firmly believe the majority of published research will increasingly come from Asia. We invite you to join us in making our modest contribution to this future.

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