

EDITORIAL

Dear readers

The cover page of the 35th issue of Pacific News (PN) depicts a five-year old Vietnamese girl, Susu. She is dressed up in a traditional silk cloth (áo dài) to honour the 1000th birthday of Hanoi - Thang Long. The celebrations of this event found their climax in a series of festivities around Hanoi's Hoan Kiem Lake from 1-10 October 2010. Susu's mother has made the picture at her daughter's special request during a walk around the surrounding park area on a sunny autumn day, 2nd October 2010. Additional photos on the last page show other impressions of this memorable event.

The articles cover a wide range of topics and countries. Agricultural issues in the still rather unknown state of Timor Leste are discussed by Andreas Noltze; Jan-Peter Mund debates the case of Cambodia. Andreas Gravert writes about the effects of climate change and its interrelatedness to urban development in the case of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Walter Koditek presents questions around heritage preservation in Battambang, Cambodia. Further, Cesar Guala Catalan and his co-authors discuss issues of eco-tourism in the context of whale watching in Patagonia and Richard Bedford provides an account of mobility among Pasifika.

Last but not least we would like to take the opportunity and to thank the members of our recently established Scientific Advisory Board for all their efforts in 2010. You significantly contributed to enhance the scientific standard of the PN. For 2011 we plan to get the PN accepted into one of the leading citation indexes.

To all academics and researchers out there: We encourage you to submit your own contributions. Authors guidelines can be found on our website. Send us an email if you have any questions about publication opportunities in the PN.

We hope you enjoy your read, the Editors

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Little Susu at the Celebrations for Hanoi's 1000th Birthday

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