

EDITORIAL

Dear readers,

The recently released UN Asia-Pacific Human Development Report 2012 re-emphasises the need for countries in the Asia-Pacific region to sustain growth, lift people out of poverty – and reduce greenhouse gas emissions at the same time. Despite these seemingly contradictory goals, the priorities are clearly stated: “growing first and cleaning up afterwards is not an option any more”.

Indeed, questions of sustainable development in the Pacific and in Pacific-rim countries have been on the agenda of a wide range of researchers for a long time now. Whilst natural-scientific or technical topics such as Jost Wübbeke’s assessment of sustainable development in China’s mineral and metals industries are increasingly well understood (but by no means solved!), issues of social and cultural sustainability remain under-researched. The current issue addresses some topics in that latter context. First, Michael Fink’s exploration of implications of the traditional Fijian fish drive and its contemporary adaptations discusses a traditional practice as a potential means for community development. Marion Struck-Garbe presents the work of contemporary artists in Papua New Guinea that depict the artists’ reflections on the effects of climate change on their respective communities. Related topics on social aspects of sustainable development are raised by Brigitte Hamm who discusses corporate social responsibility in Vietnam and by Tess Guiney in her examination of ‘orphanage tourism’ in Cambodia.

If you would like to contribute to our magazine yourself – please do not hesitate to let us know.

We wish you a pleasant and informative read.

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Labour Migrants in Binh Duong Province, Vietnam

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This picture is showing labour migrants
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close proximity to an industrial zone in
Binh Duong Province, which is located
within the metropolitan region of Ho Chi
Minh City. In the extensive peri-urban
industrial belt around HCMC, more than
500,000 workers are employed in indus-
trial zones alone. Most of them are from
15 to 29 years old and predominantly
female.

