

Preface

This issue of the *The Copenhagen Journal of Asian Studies* features an essay by David Apter of Yale University on discourse and hegemonic power in Mao's Yan'an. The paper is a revised version of Apter's key note speech to the first Annual Meeting of "The State and Society in East Asia" Network, held in Copenhagen in May 1993. The issue also includes a contribution by Li Xing, Aalborg University, on the dynamics of East Asian intra-regional economic relations and a paper by Mobo C.F. Gao, University of Tasmania, on rural life and development in China and the new possibilities offered by the recent phenomenon of migrant workers.

The book review section brings reviews of four publications by Scandinavians. The editors feel that *The Copenhagen Journal of Asian Studies* has an important function in drawing attention to scholarly work on East and Southeast Asia in Scandinavia and will therefore continue to put considerable effort into strengthening this section.

In April 1995 Professor Søren Egerod, the founder of the Department of Asian Studies, University of Copenhagen, and the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, passed away. Egerod has had an enormous role in the establishment of East Asian Studies in Denmark as well as in Scandinavia as such and his death marks the end of an era. In order to pay our tribute to the memory of a truly great pioneer in the field of Asian studies in this region of the world, we not only bring an obituary, but also dedicate this issue of *The Copenhagen Journal of Asian Studies* to Søren Egerod in memoriam.

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