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## Editorial Note

This current issue of *Asian Studies* on the works of the eminent scholar Cesar Adib Majul initiates a series of retrospective volumes on works by prominent intellectuals that have appeared on the pages of the journal over the past five decades. Some of the authors to be featured include James Scott, Nicholas Tarling, Benedict Kerkvliet, Willem Wolters, Robert Reed, David Sturtevant, Norman Owen, Emanuel Sarkisyanz, Jean Grossholtz, Ian Nish, and many others.

The series fulfils two objectives - one practical, the other academic. The practical aspect is that the journal is faced with a backlog of twelve (12) issues and coming out with retrospective volumes is one way of overcoming this rather large surfeit. From a scholarly standpoint, however, the retrospective issues enable readers to look back to the past in order to make sense of the present.

In his introductory article, Islamic Studies Dean Julkipli Wadi notes that that this Majul issue, which covers a “rich historical canvas” of works on Moro society, culture, and politics, serendipitously appears at a time when a “Framework Agreement” between the Philippine government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) had just been signed on October 15, 2012.

The editorial board begs the indulgence and patience of readers for the chronological discrepancies that will appear in these retrospective issues. Thus, dates and events in some articles may not necessarily synchronize with volume dates and numbers. This Majul issue, while being released in December 2012, actually comprises Volume 46, Numbers 1 and 2 of 2010. It is hoped that the backlogs will be fully covered by the first quarter of 2013 so that regular publication will resume by June of the same year.

We also take this opportunity to announce the reorganization of *Asian Studies* via the reconstitution of a new seven-person editorial board, the formation of a 24-person editorial advisory board, and the recruitment of a managing editor and editorial associate. Their names and designations appear in the editorial box in this volume.

Lastly, the editorial board of *Asian Studies* wishes to extend its condolences to the family of David Wurfel, who passed away on 12 November 2012. He was a brilliant scholar, a committed social activist, and a member of the journal’s editorial advisory board.

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