DEDICATION

In 1962, Dan Henderson left a successful practice in Tokyo to join the University of Washington Law School faculty. His appointment culminated a major effort by the Law School to establish a comparative law program, with the primary focus on East Asia, supported by two substantial grants from the Ford Foundation. Three decades later, the program Dan Henderson organized and directed had become an internationally recognized center for instruction and research for the comparative study of East Asian law. Its graduates—Dan Henderson’s former students—include nearly half of the academic lawyers who have themselves followed in his footsteps to teach East Asian law in law schools throughout the English-speaking world, in addition to well over two hundred East Asian legal scholars, lawyers, judges, procurators, and in-house counsel who work today in nearly every country in the Pacific Rim.

Printed words, as Dan Henderson once said, are the scholar’s most important legacy. Dan Henderson’s contribution by any measure has been immense. Henderson’s two volume study Conciliation and Japanese Law (1965) remains the classic work in Tokugawa legal history as well as conciliation. Similarly, his Foreign Enterprise in Japan (1973) is the definitive introduction to the legal environment in Japan for foreign investors between 1955 and 1973. He is co-author with former Chief Justice Takaaki Hattori of the leading English language treatise on Japanese civil procedure (1985) and editor of the first major reappraisal of the postwar Japanese constitution, The Constitution of Japan: Its First Twenty Years (1969), originally published as one of a four volume series of symposium issues of the Washington Law Review. In addition, he has authored dozens of articles, including his contribution to this Journal, dealing with topics that range from Chinese legal influence in 18th century Japan to contemporary issues in capital market regulation.

Retirement has not ended the flow. Not only does Dan Henderson continue to teach—at Hastings College of Law one semester each year and on occasion at the University of Washington—his scholarly output is unabated. He is currently completing the translation of the 18th century Japanese ‘code' Osadamegaki that he began with the late Professor Yoshio Hiramatsu over two decades ago. It is thus only appropriate that this first issue of the Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal should be dedicated to Dan Henderson whose contributions as both teacher and scholar to our understanding of law in the Pacific Rim has been so great.

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