

Editorial



Message from the Editor-in-Chief

As we usher in the new year, I am honored to convey my thoughts to the distinguished readers and contributors of *MANUSYA: Journal of Humanities* in my capacity as the Editor-in-Chief.

Since taking up this role in September of the previous year, I extend my sincere appreciation to our former Editor-in-Chief, Pittayawat Pittayaporn, for his steadfast commitment to the journal. Under his leadership since 2020, *MANUSYA* has undergone substantial growth and development, a reflection of his passion and diligent efforts. On behalf of the academic community associated with *MANUSYA*, I express gratitude for Pittayawat's invaluable contributions.

Academically, our journal remains dedicated to the exploration of Southeast Asian history, philosophy, religion, language, culture, literature, media, and arts. While we remain open to diverse submissions, priority is given to research that either directly pertains to Southeast Asia or provides a broader perspective on humanities from a Southeast Asian vantage point.

The year 2024 presents both excitement and challenges for *MANUSYA*. With the continuous expansion of our journal, editorial responsibilities have grown significantly. To meet the evolving landscape of submissions, I am pleased to introduce our associate editors: Treepon Kirdnak (Chulalongkorn University), Suwichit Chaidaroon (National University of Singapore), Usa Padgate (Naresuan University), and Sonthaya Rattanasak (Rajamangala University of Technology Suvarnabhumi). Together, we strive to maintain the high academic standards of *MANUSYA*.

As submissions continue to rise, we are progressively increasing the annual number of published articles. This year, we anticipate presenting 24 articles, and we are on track to reach the limit of 26 articles per volume in the upcoming year.

On the logistical front, our collaboration with Brill has been pivotal since 2019, contributing to the wider dissemination of *MANUSYA*. While retaining control over the intellectual content, we are delighted to announce that articles published in *MANUSYA* will be freely accessible through Brill's open access. Responding to contemporary trends in academic publishing, we are actively working towards implementing Advance Article publication, ensuring that accepted articles are available online within 6–8 weeks.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the Thailand Citation Index (TCI), funded by Thailand Science Research and Innovation (TSRI), for their unwavering technical and financial support through the Thailand Editorial System (ThaiES). Starting from January 2023, submissions made through this journal management system will expedite the review process, enhancing transparency.

Lastly, I extend my gratitude to all contributors to the success of *MANUSYA*. Special thanks to past and present members of the Editorial Board, reviewers, guest editors, and contributors. We also acknowledge the continuous financial support from Chulalongkorn University's Office of Research Affairs, allowing *MANUSYA* to remain freely accessible for both authors and readers. A heartfelt acknowledgment also goes to our editorial assistants, Ashley Laughlin and Pimpat Chumkaew, for their dedicated efforts in improving *MANUSYA*.

Wishing you a year filled with intellectual curiosity and scholarly exploration.

Sincerely,

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