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Significant developments for the Journal of Environmental Sciences in 2014

First of all, it is my honor to announce that Professor X. Chris Le has been appointed the Editor-in-Chief of Journal of Environmental Sciences (JES) after an international search and selection by the committee members of the Research Center of Eco-environmental Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences. Professor Hongxiao Tang, the former Editor-in-Chief, wanted to retire considering his age. Professor Tang has been working with us as Editor-in-Chief from 2008 to 2014. During this period, JES has made significant achievements on many fronts. We want to express our sincere gratitude to Professor Tang for his contributions to JES.

Professor Chris Le, a Distinguished University Professor at the University of Alberta, Canada, has published more than 250 articles in analytical and environmental sciences. He is Canada Research Chair in Bio-analytical Technology and Environmental Health. He leads the Analytical and Environmental Toxicology Division at the University of Alberta. We are confident that Professor Le and the team of JES will bring this journal to the international stage and will establish a high-level platform for effective academic communication by environmental scientists around the world.

The year of 2014 was the second year of the on-going project "Strategy for Enhancement of Chinese Scientific Journals", which was established by the Chinese government, and financially supported by the Ministry of Finance of the People's Republic of China. This project plans to enhance the stature of Chinese scientific journals to make them more influential and competitive in the world. A total of about 125 scientific journals have been selected by the project, and among them, JES received A-level project status.

With the financial support of the Chinese government, we have implemented a number of plans and produced several notable achievements in 2014.

First, according to the release of Thomson Reuters of the 2014 report, the impact factor of JES calculated for the year 2013 reached 1.922, and the five year impact factor jumped to 2.455, with a citation total of 4774. These improvements are owing to all the authors and researchers of JES.

The editing and publishing work of 2014 has been completed, with 292 scientific articles published in Vol. 26, Issue 1-12, 2014. Two special issues were launched. One was on the Progress and Prospects of Atmospheric Environmental Sciences in China, in Issue 1, 2014, which was organized by guest editors of Prof. Fahe Chai, Abdelwahid Mellouki, Yujing Mu, Jianmin Chen, Huiwang Gao, and Hong Li. In this issue, 25 peer-reviewed articles were selected to provide profound understandings about atmospheric environmental

problems. The other special issue was on Sustainable Water Management for Green Infrastructure (Issue 6, 2014), organized by Prof. Lee-Hyung Kim and 14 other members as guest editors. Twenty-three articles included in this Issue addressed various aspects of sustainable water management such as nonpoint source management, advanced wastewater treatment processing, new purification technologies, the ecosystem and human health, and energy issues. In addition, an excellent special section (Diffuse Pollution: A Hidden Threat to the Water Environment of the Developing World) was launched in Issue 9, 2014, organized by Prof. Chengqing Yin and Prof. Xiaoyan Wang. A total of nine articles were included in this section, focusing on the diffuse pollution problems encountered in the development process. In addition to the special issues and special section, a number of review articles and high quality research articles were published, which aroused greatly increased attention by readers as soon as the articles went online. We want to take this opportunity to thank all the authors for their contributions to the journal.

Here, I am also pleased to announce that a new member of the editorial staff, Doctor Kuo Liu, has joined JES this year. She has obtained her Ph.D degree from the Dalian Institute of Chemical Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences in catalysis and materials; she has published many scientific articles in a variety of journals. Meanwhile, editor Zixuan Wang has obtained financial support from the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and will spend one year at Cambridge University in United Kingdom as a visiting scholar. Finally, I want to thank Doctor Catherine Rice, who polished and improved most of the published articles of JES.

In the coming 2015, we will change to multi-volume publishing mode in order to speed up publishing articles. Currently our staff Suqin Liu and Zhengang Mao is hard at work on this change, and when everything is in place, the paper publishing period will be reduced to 3–5 months.

In 2015, our JES team, together with the Editorial Board Members, will do our best to ensure high quality and best publication experience in JES. We sincerely welcome all the author submissions in the field of environmental sciences from around the world, and we guarantee a fast reviewing and publishing process in JES.

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