Foreword

Pre-celebrating *Journal of Chinese Philosophy's* 50th Anniversary

The *Journal of Chinese Philosophy* (*JCP*) was founded by me in 1973 and it has been published for 48 years, three years short of a half-century. The event of publishing *JCP* is significant as it reflects a glorious age of cultural openness and human will to learn from others, assuring a growth of human wisdom on the whole. What has since then published is even more valuable for it registers insights and visions in a group of top academic and philosophical articles and book reviews across two worlds, the Chinese and the Western. In 2013 *The Chronicle of Higher Education* in America has made a headline review titled "Chinese Philosophy Lifts Off in America" (By Carlin Romano, September 23, 2013), celebrating the contribution the *Journal* has made to humanity for the last 40 years at that time.

This event has never happened in early East-West history and bespeaks of a profound meaningful turn of human mind-heart in world history. These results are still been absorbed, making their impact as reflected in other publications and meetings of Academies.

For illustration, we could cite three major examples of highlights of the *Journal* work among numerous others: 1) the critical discussion on Kant and Confucianism in their philosophical affilia-

tions; 2) the development of various hermeneutics for comparative and cross-cultural understanding, far going beyond the European scope; 3) the articulation of philosophy of the *Yijing* as a paradigm marking source and root of Chinese philosophy as well as providing a foundation for intercommunication among philosophical traditions.

At this point of transition, we look toward a future of greater potentiality for change and transformation. We shall see Chinese philosophy with its body and soul marching forward to a brighter world of humanity in solidarity and deep thinking with a serene spirit of adventure and a kindness of cosmic understanding, exploring human civilizations for shared light of knowledge and common good.

Thus, we start to pre-celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the *Journal of Chinese Philosophy* for preparing and welcoming this epoch-making task of tomorrow. In light of this, we enthusiastically call for papers which shall continue to contribute to the leading scholarship of our legacy.

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