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Dr. Haili He
Elsevier Beijing Ltd., China

Dear Dr. Haili He,

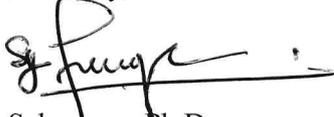
I am writing to express my support for Dr. Calla Wiemer as Editor-In-Chief of the Journal of Asian Economics (JAE). Since 2016, I have with great pleasure been serving as one of the Executive Editors of the JAE. Throughout her tenure, I have witnessed how tirelessly Dr. Wiemer has worked to further bring the journal to the forefront of Asian economic research. Indeed, the metrics bear this out: the JAE has been included in the SSCI list since 2018 and the JAE's journal ranking in RePEc has moved up from 250s to 160s. In reviewing potential papers for publication, I have found communicating with Dr. Wiemer to be constructive, engaging and thoughtful, always with an eye for what is best for the JAE.

Dr. Wiemer has also been very effective in fostering engagement among economists in Asia and the rest of the world, with her proactive networking and always substantive participation in economic research conferences and seminars. She is constantly on the lookout for talented researchers and high-quality papers which can contribute to raising the profile of the JAE and at the same time upholding its rigorous standards. It is with this respect for the JAE and confidence on Dr. Wiemer's leadership that we have requested on several occasions her participation in the research conferences organized/co-organized by our institution. Among others, she was invited as panelist in the 12th Bulletin of Monetary Economics and Banking (BMEB) International Conference & Call for Papers hosted by Bank Indonesia in Bali on 30-31 August 2018.

I hope that with this letter and those of other stakeholders, a three-year renewable contract for Dr. Wiemer to continue serving as Editor-In-Chief of the JAE will be positively considered by Elsevier.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sahminan', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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