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I am Shigeyuki Hamori and a Professor of Economics at Kobe University, Japan. I am writing to express my support for the current editorial leadership of the Journal of Asian Economics (JAE).

I was surprised to know that Dr. Wiemer may not be renewed as an editor beyond this year. I think that Dr. Wiemer has significantly contributed to raise the status of JAE and to improve the quality of the published manuscripts. It is a great achievement as an editor that Dr. Wiemer successfully obtained an SSCI indexing for JAE in 2017. This increased the number of high-quality submissions from researchers in the field.

Under Dr. Wiemer's leadership, the JAE has become one of the leading journals in the field of Asian economic studies. Both the journal impact factor and its CiteScore indicate improvements since 2015. I think that the reason behind these trends includes excellent editorial work by Dr. Wiemer and JAE's editorial board.

When I submitted my article, I have a very good experience. My manuscript was processed smoothly with careful consideration, and the editorial process leads to substantial improvement in the quality of papers. In addition to referee comments, Dr. Wiemer provides many constructive suggestions to improve manuscripts' quality.

I hope that she will keep the position as an Editor-in-Chief for JAE.

Best Regards

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shigeyuki Hamori". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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