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Dr. Haili He
Elsevier Beijing Ltd. (China)

Dear Dr. Haili He,

This letter is in support of Dr. Calla Wiemer as editor-in-chief of the Journal of Asian Economics (JAE). She has been very active as editor, as well as president of the American Committee on Asian Economic Studies (ACAES). Based on the metrics developed by Elsevier (Scopus), the journal has steadily improved its citation performance. The JAE 2018 SiteScore was the highest since 2011 (the first year computed), and the preliminary 2019 SiteScore shows a significant increase. As a result, JAE is likely to enter the first quantile of the distribution for the first time.

Calla has also taken an active role in promoting JAE in activities organized by ACAES, as well as other institutions. I first met Calla in Suzhou, China when the Asian Development Bank Institute and Xi'an Jiaotong Liverpool University jointly organized an annual international seminar on topics related to the Asia and Pacific Economies. This is a round-table seminar with a limited number of slots to present academic papers, a joint event with. We invited Calla to attend the 2018 seminar since most papers fit under the scope of the journal. She promoted JAE, inviting papers she considered a good fit to the journal, and provided excellent feedback to presenters on how to improve their papers to be accepted for the JAE. Since the 2018 conference was quite successful, the 2019 international seminar on the Asian and Pacific Economies also includes the opportunity to selected papers to become part of a special issue of JAE on Financial Development in Asian Countries (in progress).

Therefore, I think it would be a great loss to JAE if Calla leaves. First, the impact journal metrics have never been better. Second, the strong connection between JAE and ACAES has served the journal well. Third, as editor-in-chief, Calla has been very active in promoting the reputation of JAE and improving the quality of the papers published in the journal. Finally, many colleagues have learned a lot from Calla about what it takes to pursue top quality research and publish in top journals in Asian Studies, such as JAE. Please, do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter Morgan".

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