

EDITOR'S PREFACE

We are pleased to present the first issue of The Mongolian journal of International Affairs, an annual publication dealing with important topics of Mongolia's foreign relations and its place in the world, particularly in Asia. The Institute of Oriental and International Studies inaugurates the annual as part of its efforts to promote a better understanding of Mongolia in the world community and to enhance international cooperation.

In the annual, we have made an effort to offer a wide-ranging selection of articles related to current topics in the external relations, economy and politics of Mongolia and to issues of Northeast Asian regional cooperation. In the Statements and Interviews section we have included the Statement made by Mongolia's Minister of External Relations at the United Nations General Assembly and an Interview by the secretary of Mongolia's National Security Council.

The articles represent neither the opinions of the IOIS nor of the editorial staff, but rather have been chosen to provide our readers with a comprehensive view of important changes in Mongolia as well as opinions on World and Asian affairs. We hope that the annual will help our readers formulate a fair and informed perspective.

Our special thanks goes to Professor Henry G. Schwarz who kindly helped us to edit the journal and advised us to make it a vital, authoritative source about political and economic development in Mongolia and its contacts with the world.

Although The Mongolian Journal of International Affairs begins its life as an annual, we hope to evolve it into a semi-annual publication. We would appreciate your comments and suggestions regarding our publication and would like to take this opportunity to thank our readers.

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