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Editor's Note

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I believe for many of you, May is the most beautiful and cozy month of the year. With the lovely temperature and flourishing flora, some may already start to pack for a hiking trip or plan to travel to the other end of the world. No matter whether you are laying back on your garden couch or watching out of the airplane window, *International News* could be something fun to read, and also a way to explore how actuaries on other continents are living their professional and social lives.

Every year, we start a Country Feature Article Competition to call for the most inspiring articles on popular topics, industry trends, market development and any other professional interests happening outside the United States. See the announcement at the end of this issue of *International News* for more information. We look forward to your article submissions!

Over the summer, you will receive an email from SOA regarding the section council election. This is a great opportunity to exer-

cise your leadership skills and expand networking opportunities. From my personal experience on the council, I had a great time working with actuaries around the globe and enjoyed the wonderful moments for successful events and initiatives. Run for the council, serve the international community and have fun!

I am glad to say that, thanks to the great efforts of our editorial board members, this issue has a wonderful collection of high quality articles. Many of them are originally written by the top experts of their own fields. This issue features recent developments of global longevity reinsurance, new booms in African microinsurance, how to thrive in a low interest rate Japanese market, rolling out of international capital standards, among all excellent article submissions.

We appreciate your support, our beloved readers, and enjoy! ■



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