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It is a great honor for me to review such a highly prestigious academic journal like CHINA AND WTO REVIEW (“CWR”) which has been edited and published by YIJUN Institute of International Law and YIJUN Press. As a governing board member of the YIJUN Institute and having been involved with CWR since its inception, I always celebrate the birth of each issue and enjoy the papers and notes contained in it with deep interest and pride. I know every single line of article could not see the light of the sky without such a painstaking and enduring process based on far-reaching academic vision and extremely sophisticated editing skills. In this regard, I would extend the deepest appreciation and glory to the editorial board members as well as friends of CWR from the bottom of my heart.

China is a Reality! It is an unavoidable truth in the contemporary world. Every aspect of the global society has been and will be influenced by this super sovereign entity with a huge territory and 1.3 billion population. China’s dynamics is thus of greatly significant for all. Interpreting and analyzing this trend through the perspective of the World Trade Organization (“WTO”) deserves much more importance as the WTO is a grand forum containing transnational human economic activities such as trade, investment, copyright,

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environment, human rights, etc. CWT's mission covers all these standards.

CWR is developing every year. The latest issue (Volume 3/Number 1) is particularly splendid in its contents and structure. It deals with highly provocative and creative topics such as the accessible rights of visually impaired persons to literally works under the Marrakesh Treaty; extended collective license; analysis of highly controversial investment case; and China's strategy for foreign investment along with the Belt and Road initiative. In addition, this issue specifically discussed the American stance towards China. Professor Stuart Malawer's note discussed Trump's China trade policy and Professor Seryon Lee reported the 'America First' doctrine in relation to China-led Trans-Pacific Partnership. Among all the writings contained in this issue, I was personally very interested in Chinese investment in Suez Canal development project which is connecting Middle East to China as a part of the ambitious Belt and Road initiative.

CWR is supposed to be more relevant because such China-focused academic journal is *ironically* not published in China. So far, most of the English-written China related information has been published from China and the US. However, both sections could not be evaluated entirely impartial on this critical question. As the birth of Jesus in Israel was foretold by the wise men from Persia, objectivity could be often and fundamentally secured through the eyes of alien. I think that is a main factor to distinguish CWR from other academic works. This academic Polaris will help people find right direction to the destination in the time of turbulence like 'Ebenezer.'