

## PREFACE

*The Future of East Asia* had its genesis in 2005 when the East Asia Foundation was founded by Mong-koo Chung, Chairman of Hyundai Motor Group. Like the Foundation, the book aims to facilitate the formation of an East Asian Community by promoting networks that exchange ideas and sustain direct relationships.

The Foundation realizes this vision by shaping the annual Jeju Forum for Peace and Prosperity. The premier event of its kind in the Republic of Korea, the forum brings together thousands of movers and shakers from the region and the world. It also publishes *Global Asia*, An East Asia Foundation Journal an influential scholarly journal with a policy bent with a circulation of more than 7000 readers. The authors of the essays participated in these activities and met twice while producing this book.

We intended that *The Future of East Asia* would celebrate the Foundation's tenth anniversary. But books invariably take longer than planned and, because we wanted only the best contributors, this one was no exception. It would have been impossible without more than two years of hard work by the Foundation's staff, led by its Executive Director Hyung Taek Hong, with the strong support of now Honorary Chairman Mong-koo Chung, Chairman Ro-myung Gong, and members of the board of trustees.

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