

From the Guest Editor

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This special issue has five articles selected from 20 papers originally presented at the Seventh Biennial Conference of Asian Consumer and Family Economics Association in Putrajaya, Malaysia, in July 2007 and provided by the program chair of the conference. These papers cover a wide range of topics that are reflected from their titles, “Economic Status of Older Asians in the United States,” “Are Rich Earners Time-Privileged in Taiwan,” “How Retired Households and Households Approaching Retirement Handle Their Equity Investments in the United State,” “Gender Differences in Income Sources of the Elderly in Peninsular Malaysia,” and “Problematic Progress in Asia: Growing Older and Apart.” They also cover several countries/regions including Asia, Malaysia, Taiwan, and the U.S.

Prior to your getting into the details of each paper, I have to say that this collection of papers is a must read if you are interested in frontier research in the area of consumer finance and family economics in Asia and the U.S. These papers speak for themselves. What I would like to do here is to express my sincere thanks to my reviewers, who have put in so much work to make this special issue possible. They are:

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