Note from the Chair and the Editor-in-chief

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This issue is composed of two parts. The first consists of the survey results of the "International Comparative Surveys on Lifestyle and Values" being planned and conducted by Senshu University Institute for the Development of Social Intelligence/ Center for Social Well-being Studies, along with five articles related to those results. And the second part consists of three articles submitted by members of the SWB Consortium (Senshu University, Japan; Seoul National University, Korea; Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences, Vietnam; Chulalongkorn University, Thailand; Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines; University of Indonesia, Indonesia; Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, China).

The five articles in the first part are based on the survey results of the "International Comparative Surveys on Lifestyle and Values." The surveys themselves were conducted in Japan in February 2015 and in Korea and Vietnam in the summer of 2015. The first four articles (two from Japan, and two from Korea) deal with the surveys' implementation and with their results and the analysis thereof. The next article (Indonesia) is based on research done earlier in Indonesia that relates to this theme. Before their publication here, the articles were presented and subjected to questioning and discussion, etc. at events such as the First Camp Seminar for SWB Consortium members (Fuji-Yamanakako Seminar House of Senshu University, February 17-19, 2016) and the Symposium of International Consortium for Social Well-being Studies (Senshu University Satellite Campus, June 25, 2016).

The three articles in the second part were selected for posting via a review by the International Advisory Board of the SWB Consortium, which consists of seven countries (Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia, and China). This issue features one article from Indonesia and two from Japan.

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