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## EDITORS' NOTE

The Editorial Committee of *Contemporary Southeast Asia* (CSEA) and colleagues at the ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute were shocked and saddened to learn of the death of Professor Aileen Baviera on 21 March 2020 in Manila from complications caused by the coronavirus. In a career spanning more than four decades, Professor Baviera established herself as the Philippines' leading scholar on China and one of the world's foremost authorities on the South China Sea dispute. In addition to being a Professor at the University of the Philippines, she was also Dean of the University's Asia Center from 2003 to 2009, President of the Asia Pacific Pathways to Progress Foundation and Editor-in-chief of *Asian Politics and Policy*. She had been a valuable member of CSEA's International Advisory Committee since 2016. A regular presenter at conferences on Southeast Asia-China relations, Professor Baviera was always a voice of reason and moderation, and her insights were keenly sought by scholars, students, diplomats and policymakers. She acted as a generous and inspiring mentor to a generation of scholars working on Southeast Asia. She will be greatly missed by friends and colleagues alike.

In more positive news, the Editors are pleased to see that CSEA continues to do well in the international rankings of scholarly journals. CSEA attained a SCOPUS CiteScore of 1.4 for 2019 and a Journal Citation Report (JCR) Journal Impact Factor of 0.717 for 2019. In the 2019 SCImago Journal and Country Rank (SJR) for the Asiatic Region, CSEA ranked 1st in Political Science and International Relations, 1st in History and 3rd in Arts and Humanities. In its 2020 rankings, Google Scholar Metrics ranked CSEA 19th in the category of Asian Studies and History. We thank our readers, authors and referees for their continued support.