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Editorial

In an editorial to Vol.1 of this Journal, I expressed the hope that Vol.2 would have more articles of past students of this Institute. This is exactly what has happened. Apart from the last three articles, all the contributions have been made by our former students. It is my sincere belief and hope that this trend will be continued and that, in fact, future issues will feature only an article or two from those of us who are already established scholars.

Because of technical problems beyond the powers of the Editorial Board, this issue is coming out much later than we had expected. We would, therefore, like to apologize to our funders for this long delay. We are, all the same, happy that, at long last, this volume has seen the light of day.

In the previous volume, I stated that the publication had been made possible by generous funding from the Japanese Association for African Studies. It has since been brought to my attention that this information was not correct. The fact of the matter is that some members of that Association made their contributions in their individual capacities and not as members of the said Association. The true position, therefore, is that this issue as well as the previous one, have been funded by Japanese Friends of the Institute. I would like to apologise for any embarrassment caused to the Association and to our Friends.

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