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### Editor's Note



The JCSH continues to focus on publishing research works on various contemporary issues in social sciences and humanities. In this issue, we are delighted to present eight (8) research articles from various academic disciplines. In addition, these articles are related to several Asian countries.

In the first article, Chatchanok Thaohirun and Nutthathirataa Withitwinyuchon studied the causal relationship between foreign policy and geopolitics, using a case study of Thailand during the Third Indochina War. The authors affirmed that there was a connection between foreign policy and geopolitics. Based on sea-power, land-power concepts and Rimland theory, the authors concluded that Thailand was neither a land power nor a sea power. In addition, the authors proposed the idea of a hybrid geopolitical power to explain Thai foreign policy.

In the second article, Phirapat Mangkhalasiri and Krisanaphong Poothakool examined the current state of data science in Thai policing by comparing it with examples in the United States, United Kingdom, Singapore, South Korea, and Japan. The authors identified both opportunities and challenges that influenced how data science could be used within Thai policing. In addition, the authors proposed a set of policy recommendations for the Thai government.

Next, Aranee Vivatthanaporn and Navapat Narongsak investigated problems in the Thai justice system regarding psychiatric patients at high risk of committing violence. The authors identified four key problems: 1) Manpower (a shortage of correctional and police officers, a lack of medical professionals with relevant expertise, etc.); 2) Insufficient budget (money); 3) Materials (insufficient inpatient bed capacity due to the limited number of psychiatric hospitals, etc.); and 4) Management (prolonged justice system procedures and treatment duration, etc.). In addition, the authors gave recommendations for improving the Thai justice system.

In the fourth article, Yada Wornyordphan and Kannika Damrongplasit studied the impact of the old age pension on subjective well-being in Thailand for those aged 60 and over. Based on a random-effects ordered logit model and an ordered logit model, the authors found that the old age pension has a minimal impact on subjective well-being, relative to other non-financial factors. In addition, the authors found that subjective well-being decreases with age, but increases with marriage, living in urban areas, better health status, and higher income perception.

In the fifth article, Cara Sasa Trirat and Sasiphattra Siriwato studied climate change mitigation by the Bangkok Mass Transit System (BTS) and the effects of clean energy and transportation policies in the city. The authors concluded that the BTS was the country's first carbon-neutral rail service, significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions through electric-powered operations. In addition, the authors emphasized that Bangkok's clean energy and

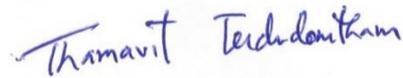
transportation policies promoted the adoption of renewable energy and electric vehicles, and improved air quality and public health.

In the sixth article, Parisa Musigakama, Sasikan Srisopon, and Aamaal P. Chimvilaisup, using an action research approach, integrated contemporary education practices with the conservation of wooden boat craftsmanship heritage in Ayutthaya. The authors found that the art-led activities effectively supported students' curiosity and raised their appreciation for Ayutthaya's identity as a "City of Water".

In the seventh article, Lin JieRu and Eakachat Joneurairatana studied the influence of Taoism's 'unity of heaven and mankind' and Confucianism's 'people-oriented' concepts on architectural features of Hakka culture, especially the Fujian Shen Yuan Tulou culture. The authors combined the philosophical nature of Hakka culture with modern digital technology, which supports the inheritance of Hakka Tulou culture.

Last but not least, Mellianne Mangana studied the authorial voices of op-ed writers in their opinion on former Vice President Leni Robredo during the May 2022 Philippine elections, using the Appraisal System Framework and Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA). The author suggested that understanding evaluative language can assist reader voters in forming opinions and navigating the influences of the media in political discourse.

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