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APJM IS NOW INCLUDED IN SSCI

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Dear editors, editorial board members, authors, reviewers, and friends:

As your proud Editor-in-Chief, I am pleased to inform you that the *Asia Pacific Journal of Management* has been accepted for inclusion in the Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI). As *APJM* celebrates our 25th anniversary this year (and the world celebrates the 29th Olympic Games, which, of course, are taking place in *Asia* as we speak), there is no better news to share with you than this. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

On this wonderful occasion, I want to thank all of *you* for your excellent work as authors, editors, reviewers, and board members. I also want to thank:

- The visionary scholars at the National University of Singapore led by Khin Maung Kyi who founded *APJM* in 1983.
- The eight Editors-in-Chief who served before my term (Khin Maung Kyi, Lee Soo Ann, Pan Eng Fong, Wong Kie Ann, Lim Kian Guan, Tan Kong Yam, Kulwant Singh, and Andrew Delios) and their editorial teams. I especially thank Andrew, who passed the torch to me.
- Every member of my dedicated and hard-working editorial team.
- The founding members of the Asia Academy of Management (AAOM) led by Chung Ming Lau and David Tse who turned vision into reality in 1998—AAOM is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year.
- The current leadership team at AAOM led by Garry Bruton.
- My dean Hasan Pirkul at the School of Management, University of Texas at Dallas, and all the deans at the schools that support the work of my editorial team.
- The deans and organizers of host schools for our special issue conferences: National University of Singapore (December 2004 and December 2005), Xi'an Jiaotong University (July 2007), Queensland University of Technology (December 2007), National Sun Yat-sen University (December 2008), and Simon Fraser University (October 2009).
- The Springer team, led by Nick Philipson, who has been graciously supportive behind the scenes (including *doubling* the number of copies printed for our 25th anniversary special issue in 2007 and increasing our page budget from 600 to 700 pages in 2008).

According to our publisher, *APJM*'s "pseudo-impact factor" for 2007 would be 0.549. How does *APJM* stand in the family of SSCI-included journals? Hypothetically, it would rank:

- 55th among 72 "Business" journals (the current 55th ranked journal is the *Journal of Business Ethics*—a *Financial Times* top 40 journal).
- 64th among 81 "Management" journals (the current 64th ranked journal is the *International Journal of Human Resource Management*—another *Financial Times* top 40 journal).

- 111th among 191 "Economics" journals (the current 111th is the *Journal of Regulatory Economics*).

Because *APJM* was not in SSCI in 2007, the "pseudo-impact factor" of 0.549 only captured citations to *APJM* papers published in other SSCI-included journals and did not capture any *APJM* self-citations to other *APJM* papers. Now that we are included in SSCI, *APJM*'s self-citations will be counted and our citation impact factor will significantly go up.

The data clearly show that *APJM* did not just barely "make it" to the bottom tier of SSCI. For a non-SSCI journal, we have had a very enviable position. Now as a new entrant into SSCI, no doubt we will strengthen our position as the number one management journal in Asia, on Asia, and of Asia—in other words, an "A" journal (we start with "Asia," that is clearly an "A").

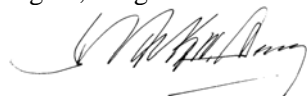
Although concrete information regarding exactly when *APJM* will be tracked by SSCI is not available now, it is very likely that SSCI will have started with 2008. So *APJM*'s first official impact factor (for 2010, which tracks citations published in 2010 to *APJM* papers published in 2008 and 2009) will likely be announced in mid-2011. Therefore, it is imperative that we keep up the momentum by citing relevant and recent papers published in *APJM* not only in your *APJM* submissions, but also in your other papers appearing in other journals.

A series of celebrations have been planned at the following events. Please join us:

- Asia Academy of Management conference (including the first Doctoral Consortium) in Taipei, Taiwan, on December 14-16, 2008—chaired by Joseph Yu (professor at National Chengchi University); see AAOM website: <http://www.baf.cuhk.edu.hk/asia-aom>.
- *APJM* Special Issue Conference on "Managing in Ethnic Chinese Communities" in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, on December 12-13, 2008—edited by David Ahlstrom (professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong), Shyh-er Chen (professor at National Sun Yat-sen University), and Kuang S. Yeh (Vice Minister, Research, Development, and Evaluation Commission, Executive Yuan, Taiwan).
- *APJM* Special Issue Conference on "Managing Corporate Governance Globally: An Asia Pacific Perspective" in Vancouver, Canada, on October 8-9, 2009—edited by Steve Globerman (professor at Western Washington University), Mike Peng, and Daniel Shapiro (Dean, Faculty of Business Administration, Simon Fraser University); submit to <http://apjm.edmgr.com>.

Finally, let me thank all authors who have published in *APJM* and invite all of you to submit your work to *APJM*. A journal is only as good as its authors. Over the past 25 years, the words of some of the most influential scholars have graced the pages of our journal. They include J. Barney, P. Beamish, M. Bond, C. Chen, M.-J. Chen, X.-P. Chen, J. Dunning, A. Harzing, C. Hill, M. Hitt, G. Hofstede, R. Hoskisson, M. Kotabe, K. Law, J.T. Li, M. Lieberman, Y. Luo, S. Makino, J. McGuire, W. Mitchell, G. Redding, A. Rugman, M. Shaver, O. Shenkar, J. Tan, D. Tjosvold, A. Tsui, R. Tung, A. Van de Ven, M. Wright, and H. Yeung (excluding editors). *APJM* welcomes you to join this distinguished community of scholars.

Again, congrats and thanks to all of you,



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Editor-in-Chief, on behalf of the editorial team
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