

Editor's Note

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This issue marks the beginning of the fourth year of publication for the *Asia Pacific Career Development Journal*. Starting a journal is no small feat; sustaining one is even more difficult. I want to use this Editor's Note to reflect on our journal's purpose, past, and future before ending with some ways that you can help support this important enterprise.

Our Purpose

The theory and evidence of career development largely remains in the hands of Western journals and scholars. As the 21st Century world of work shifts towards the East, it is incumbent upon our profession, and this organization, to produce scholarship that explores the changing dynamics of globalized work while also capturing the essence of career development practice in its unique form as it is found in the Asia Pacific region. Our journal strives to answer this call and meet its purpose. Quoting directly from the APCDJ Author Guidelines:

The Asia Pacific Career Development Journal (APCDJ) is an international biannual publication dedicated to all career development and intervention related topics. The journal welcomes submissions focused on, but not limited to, the following topics: career counseling, individual and organizational career development, work and leisure, career education, career coaching, and career management. Methodologies can include, but are not limited to, literature reviews that make research accessible to practitioners, case studies, history and public policy analyses, qualitative research, and quantitative research of specific relevance to

the practice of career development and counseling. (APCDJ Author Guidelines, n.d., p. 1)

It is our goal to include authors that represent both the Asia Pacific region and the issues pertinent to the region. Creating such an enterprise requires us to attract and develop scholarly talent in the field. This is why, "We encourage both scholars and practitioners to submit articles containing research related to their practices. We ask our editors to adopt a mentoring approach which assists authors to get submissions ready for publication. Our goal is to build a reputation for working with authors and supporting their writing skills" (<https://asiapacificcda.org/Journal>).

Our Past Accomplishments

I am happy to report that we have met our goals these first three years. With this issue, we have published the following:

- Articles representing China/Hong Kong/Taiwan (9), Singapore (5), Canada (3), Japan (2), as well as one each from India, Korea, United States, Australia, and New Zealand.
- 13 Empirical studies representing quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods research.
- Six studies on the career needs of different populations' unique needs.
- Five articles on specific theories or interventions.

These publications represent a significant contribution to the broader career development literature; they also represent the fulfillment of our aims to focus on the

globalized world of work and capturing the unique components of career development in the Asia Pacific region.

The Future of APCDJ

Where do we wish to go from here? First, we want to maintain the commitment to quality, diversity, and inclusion by attracting authors from both academia and the career counseling practice; from within and outside the Asia Pacific region; contributors to practice, theory, and research; and those from various fields contributing to the future of work including human resources development, economics, public policy, and practice. A recent review of the citations used by our authors demonstrates this type of diversity. Embracing this broad coalition of knowledge creators only strengthens us all, and helps our clients.

There is more work to be done so that APCDJ has a long future. Many potential contributors have asked if/when we will be listed in an academic index for journals such as SCOPUS. Being indexed in SCOPUS is essential for the credibility and accessibility of our scholarship. There are many criteria that must be met and we have already met some including:

- Our Peer review policies and processes are clearly listed on our website.
- Our content matters to an international audience.
- We are English language.
- We have serially published for more than 2 years without any interruption to our publication schedule.
- We have an ISSN registration.

There are several important steps we must take now that we have more than two years of consistent history but we are well on our way.

How Can You Help?

There are three things you can do to help APCDJ meet its goals.

1. Think about writing for APCDJ. We continue to receive just enough submissions to meet each issue. We need more! This opportunity is available to all career development professionals including practitioners, students (Master's theses and doctoral papers have been published), and academics are all encouraged to contact me about your submission ideas.
2. Share articles and issues. For example, we will have a Special Issue in September 2022 focused on Chaos Theory of Careers that will appeal to practitioners all over the world. Or, college career personnel who work with Chinese international students would benefit from receiving a kind note with the lead article in this issue attached.
3. Finally, cite articles from APCDJ in your own writing. This is of the utmost importance for when we make an application to SCOPUS.

The future of APCDJ is bright. We began with a plan and are right on schedule to expand our reach and credibility. My hope is that each and every reader of this Editor's Note will find at least one way to help us along the way.