

# Note from the Editor

The editorial team of the *CLAWS Journal* has great pleasure in presenting the Summer 2010 issue. In sync with the sweltering Indian summer, the current theme of the Journal too, has chosen to address a subject which has generated a lively debate and some heat, that is, India's relations with the People's Republic of China. Today, China and India are widely perceived as Asian giants and emerging world powers and are making their presence felt on the global political and economic stage. With population figures touching 1.33 billion and 1.14 billion, respectively, China and India jointly constitute a sizeable 36.8 per cent of the world's population. Hence, it is important that both the nations cooperate in securing stability not just within the Asian continent, but even beyond.

We have endeavoured to address every significant facet of India's growing relationship with China, ranging from collaboration to competition on the economic front and in the political realm, as also the contentious strategic equation between the two rising Asian players. The *Journal* carries articles as well as commentaries on China's grand strategy for the region, the Chinese response to the triangle comprising the arms race, territorial disputes and energy security, Washington's influence in the Sino-Indian-US triangular equation, and a detailed account of the vital Sino-Pakistan strategic collaboration.

In the context of the South Asian subcontinent, we have assessed the historical importance of China's relations with South Asia and debated at length the much deliberated upon 'China threat' theory. With the ever decreasing availability of water and an increasing demand for it, the potential for conflict over water in the South Asian context, with special reference to India and China, has emerged as a core issue. Besides, the fragile security equations in Asia are further compounded by the presence of unresolved border disputes and the *Journal* has addressed these issues ranging from a strategy for resolution to the Sino-Indian border impasse, the growing trendlines in China's infrastructure development in Tibet, the evolution of Chinese air power and the emergence of Xinjiang as China's fourth potential frontier.

I hope that the current issue of the *CLAWS Journal* will be useful in underscoring the existing realities and challenges. We will welcome your feedback and response.

The next issue of the *Journal*, Winter 2010, will also be a theme-based one focussing on various aspects of military modernisation.

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