

## Foreword

We are pleased to issue the volume fourteen of Human Rights Education in Asia-Pacific.

A wide range of experiences of human rights education covered in this volume sheds light on emerging issues and remaining agendas of human rights. Adaptation to climate crisis and effective implementation of the UN Guiding Principles of Business and Human rights are among those that need special attention and accelerated actions.

We are facing the world where the situation regarding human rights does not look encouraging: the second Trump administration in the US has adopted policies that outright deny any progress regarding human rights, including the elimination of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) policy, the suspension of support for abortion at home and abroad, and the denial of sexual diversity. Reversing this situation is critically needed and education will definitely play a key role.

The Asia-Pacific Human Rights Information Center celebrated the 30th anniversary last year, which became an opportunity to renew our commitment to concentrate our work on three essential pillars for realizing international human rights standards in Japan, namely “national human rights institution”, “individual communication”, and “comprehensive anti-discrimination law”. For this to take place, human rights education will play a crucial role.

We earnestly hope that the wide range of articles of this edition will inspire every reader to envision and work for a world where human rights are ensured without leaving anyone behind.

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