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*From the Editors*

On August 17–19, 2016, the Department of Asian, Middle Eastern and Turkish Studies at Stockholm University hosted the 10th conference of the Nordic Association of Japanese and Korean Studies (NAJAKS). One of the three keynote lectures was delivered by art historian Professor Pak Youngsook (London University, School of Oriental and African Studies). Approximately half of the conference papers were related to a variety of topics in Korean Studies. The articles collected in this volume were selected from the submissions which we, the organizers, received after the conference. All contributions have been properly reviewed, and as editors we have done our best to guarantee high academic standard by subjecting all submissions to accurate critical scrutiny. We are pleased to present a collection that matches the thematic priorities of Korean Studies at Stockholm University, that is, culture and society.

The conference as well as this volume would not have been possible without the generous support by The Academy of Korean Studies and the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Stockholm. We hereby express our sincerest gratitude. Furthermore we would like to thank all colleagues and students who helped to make the conference a success, whether as panel chairs, at the registration, or by contributing to the cultural program.

We hope that this volume will not only further the study of Korean society, but also respective collaborative research in the Nordic region and beyond.

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