

*Preface*

This year's final issue of *Orientaliska studier* consists of papers initially given at the conference on Manga Studies held at Stockholm University, Department of Asian, Middle Eastern and Turkish Studies from 6-8 September. The conference was arranged on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Sweden and Japan. A wide variety of topics within this broad field of research are covered by the 15 contributors. An introduction is written by conference organizer and guest editor Jaqueline Berndt, professor of Japanese Language and Culture at Stockholm University, Department of Asian, Middle Eastern and Turkish Studies.

Finally, the editor would like to wish all readers a Happy New Year.

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