

Preface

This special edition of the *Journal of Policy Studies* represents the *Proceedings of the Conference on Sustainable Development in Asian Coastal Zones*, held at the Rockingham Campus of Murdoch University, Western Australia, 30 November – 02 December, 1998. A related Workshop on Collaborative Research Projects was held on 03 December.

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Guest Editor.