

## Foreword

Education provides a particular emphasis in this issue of the ABAC Journal. In the opening article, Dr. A. Noel Jones considers the wider issues involved with education in his article entitled “From the Sage on the Stage to the Guide on the Side: the Challenge for Educators Today.” Central to this article is a distinction between true knowledge and mere information and the article goes on to expand from the consideration of education to the consideration of the relationship between learning, spirituality, and creativity. Xi Xiao Wei also explores these larger dimensions of the educational process by embedding that process within the wisdom tradition, a move that certainly would serve to counteract the technical nature of most schools. Learning is here associated with creativity and spirituality rather than with merely learning how to function within the modern economy.

Two of the articles are involved with the type of practical issues that confront any educational system. Dr. Myint Thein looks at the problems of teaching a subject, managerial accounting that students inevitably find difficult, particularly when studying in a non-native language. Computer-assisted and traditional approaches are compared in an article that will be of special interest to all those who engage in teaching challenging courses of study. Somewhat more broadly, Dr. K. Pushpanadham investigates the character of educational leadership. Recognizing the need for educational reform, the author emphasizes the importance of leadership for that reform using the School Based Management Approach.

In addition to these excellent contributions to the educational literature, we also include two non-educational articles. Dr. David Tin Win continues in the philosophical vein by comparing the views of Buddhists and scientists on the nature of life and death with a consideration of the Buddhist doctrines of survival. Dr. Adarsh Batra considers the marketing of tourism but the article is itself quite philosophical, asking the question of the possible negative effects of travel and how marketing can be used to alleviate those problems.

As always, this issue is itself a tour of current research and we hope that our teachers find the articles helpful in their challenging work and that the general readers of the ABAC Journal will also find in them more than just a passing interest.

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