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Editorial Note

It is our great pleasure to publish UrbanScope Vol. 9, which includes a translation of an article by Madoka Hori, titled “Yone Noguchi’s Introduction of Noh and Kyogen to the West and East”, and a special topic on “Collective Inhabited Areas in Environmental History/Environmental Writings”. By publishing original Japanese papers in their English translation, this electronic journal has contributed to the introduction of excellent studies on the humanities related to Japan, including such areas as Japanese history, language, and literature. In this way it has served the development of urban culture studies throughout the world.

Hopefully many researchers from overseas will be frequent visitors to the UrbanScope website and will download the articles of this new volume, as well as of previous issues.

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