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We are pleased to announce that the China: An International Journal (CIJ) has increased its annual publication frequency to four issues effective from 2016. The Journal made its quarterly debut in February 2016 and subsequent issues are slated for the months of May, August and November.

This marks another key milestone for CIJ since it achieved recognition in the renowned and authoritative interdisciplinary citation indexes of Thomson Reuters—Social Sciences Citation Index®; Journal Citation Reports/Social Sciences Edition; and Current Contents®/Social and Behavioral Sciences—in 2010.

The Journal made its first circulation adjustment in 2012, when it increased its frequency from two to three issues annually. The latest decision make CIJ a quarterly publication was made in view of the growing submissions of high-quality manuscripts.

Despite the increased publication frequency, the CIJ editorial team remains committed to the tradition of conducting comprehensive, impartial and fair reviews of every manuscript received. It believes that both established and aspiring Chinese scholars will benefit from the insights, critique and expertise of the Journal’s reviewers. This will facilitate a healthy cross-fertilisation of ideas that leads to a vibrant scholarly community.

On a final note, the CIJ editorial team would like to express its gratitude to all authors, reviewers, the esteemed editorial board, libraries and various government and education institutions for their continued support of CIJ.