

Preface

Climate change in Asia has long enjoyed tremendous interest and progress in the scientific community. The overall aims and scope of this volume are to capture this excitement and document these developments. Asia climate change study has now become a priority for the international paleoclimate community for two reasons. Firstly, the Asian continent, Tibetan Plateau and marginal seas have become a focus of paleomonsoon research. A series of large scale international field projects and drilling campaigns have been conducted to enhance our understanding of the Asian monsoon-arid environment history. Secondly, a sense of urgency has arisen in Asia as it continues to develop rapidly, and is already the most populated continent in the world. The goal of sustainable growth relies on a thorough understanding of climate change and the mechanisms involved. Our intention is to address this need by synthesizing our past findings to steer our future efforts in the most fruitful direction.

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