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PREFACE

**SPECIAL ISSUE:
SELECTED PAPERS FROM WORKSHOP ON THE GRAMMAR
OF MEASUREMENT IN CHINESE, HELD IN CONJUNCTION
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Over the past few years, measurement in the nominal domain as provided by classifiers, measure words, and degree words in Chinese has been intensively investigated in terms of hierarchy and constituency. With such an interest in mind, we organized the Workshop on the Grammar of Measurement in Chinese, held at National Taiwan Normal University in conjunction with the 21st International Conference on Chinese Linguistics in June 2013. The four articles included in this special issue were selected from the papers presented at the workshop and those submitted specifically to this special issue.

With the issues of hierarchy and constituency in the nominal domain yet to be resolved, the four papers provide a much welcomed addition to the current debate. Li's paper reexamines the arguments for the left-branching analysis of the [numeral + classifier/measure word +N] sequence and argues for the right-branching analysis, that is, a classifier/measure word first combines with an N to form a constituent, which then combines with the numeral. Zhang's paper proposes a predicate-formation analysis for the construction that involves a summing-denoting nominal. While Zhang's paper focuses on English data, the result is also applicable to Chinese. Liao's paper returns to a syntax and semantic mismatch of the durative phrase first studied in a formal approach by James Huang. Liao argues that the realization of the verbal measurement is parallel to the measurement in the nominal

domain and no extra machinery is required for the parallelism. Finally, Chiu and Lien's paper offers a historical perspective at the development of a nominal phrase in Southern Min, that is, from earlier structures where classifiers are not required to occur with numerals or demonstratives to modern Southern Min ones where demonstratives require numerals and numerals require classifiers. All four papers further contribute to our understanding of how the constituency and hierarchy of a nominal phrase work. We thank our contributors for their generous support by sharing their valuable studies in this special issue.

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