

EDITORIAL PREFACE

Volume 21 of the *Philippine Journal of Psychology* continues the practice of the past two years of devoting the issue to a single theme or specialty area within psychology. The articles in this issue represent the best of current research in Philippine social and personality psychology. They were compiled with the invaluable assistance of the Social and Personality Division of the Psychological Association of the Philippines.

The social psychological research appearing in this issue typically combines a problem-centered approach with relevant current social psychological theory. Abregana analyzes how Negros farmers explain agricultural success and failure within the framework of attribution theory. Adviento examines the attitudes of Ermita policemen towards prostitution, using the concept of "split-level morality" as her main explanatory tool. Sycip tackles the problem of emigration choice through the use of decision-making and value-expectancy models. Montiel contributes to the growing body of political psychological research with an analysis of pastoral letters and their role in the downfall of the Marcos regime. Among the short notes, Torres presents some social psychological ideas and their application to the bureaucratic changes being undertaken by the government.

In the area of Personality Psychology, Torres reviews the state of our knowledge on gender differences among Filipinos. In the short notes section, Custodio, Llanillo, and Nacionales present some interesting data on the relationship between premature birth and I.Q. while Agbing reports a new scale to measure the self-concept of Filipino children.

Future issues of the *Philippine Journal of Psychology* being planned include one on clinical case studies, and another one on psychometric developments in the Philippines. Psychologists with articles suitable for these issues are most welcome to submit their articles for possible publication. Inasmuch as the journal now utilizes modern and economical production processes, authors are requested to submit their articles on computer diskettes, processed from an IBM compatible machine. Articles can be sent to the:

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