

# Editor's Note

This issue contains a lead article and six papers from the "Second National Conference on Public Administration" held at the Philippine International Convention Center on 30 November - 3 December 1982.

The Conference highlighted the celebration of the Pearl Anniversary of the College of Public Administration and served as an initial contribution to the Diamond Jubilee Celebration of the University of the Philippines in 1983.

The Conference expanded on the theme, "Public Administration in the 80s: Problems and Prospects." It pursued the following objectives:

- (1) to provide an opportunity for the professional discussion of issues, problems and prospects in the study and practice of public administration;
- (2) to explore critical key issues and problems in the bureaucracy and gain insights from the experience of public administrators;
- (3) to identify new patterns for coordinated training systems designed to upgrade the competence of government officials and employees.

The Conference examined three major areas in the plenary sessions: Plenary Session 1 (Academic Stream); Plenary Session 2 (Practitioners' Stream), and Plenary Session 3 (Training Stream).

The seven articles in this issue deal with the current concerns in the three streams of the conference.

De Guzman's article "The Evolution of Filipino Political Institutions: Prospects for Political Normalization" provides a fitting context for the other articles. It goes through the evolution of Filipino political institutions up to the present presidency-cum-parliamentary system. The basic requirement for normalization, namely, the respect for basic functions performed by political institutions, is underscored.

The articles by Ocampo and Pilar are part of the "Academic Stream" papers. The first reviews the research accomplishments, thrusts, and assessments of Philippine Public Administration; the second looks into the relevance of the New Public Administration on the Philippine setting.

The "Practitioners, Stream" has two papers: Bautista's "Nature, Causes and extent of Corruption" and Reyes' "Control Processes and Red Tape in Philippine Bureaucracy: Some Notes on Administrative Inefficiency."

The articles by Hernando, "Village Immersion: An Approach Towards Reorienting Career Civil Servants," and by Iglesias' "Evaluating Training Effectiveness: Focus on the Training of Public Enterprise Managers," highlight some of the concerns of the "Training Stream."