

## **Editor's Notes**

From its attachment to agricultural development and the goals of growth and productivity, rural development has evolved to embrace the wider objectives of income redistribution and social equity, and the attainment of the rural peoples' basic needs.

Rural development continues to be a theme and goal of the country's government, and efforts to realize this goal have become more urgent in view of the poverty that grips most of the rural population. The *PJPA* finds it relevant to devote this issue to rural development.

Valera's article provides an overview of rural development as a concept and the issues that surround it. Paterno's piece and that of the Department of Agriculture (DA) present two views on the imperatives of rural development and strategies to achieve it. The reader will find it interesting to note the similarities and contrasts between the legislator's view and DA's institutional perspective. Man Ahn and Boyer alert the reader to the limits of government in harnessing the people's initiative and self-reliance in a rural development program.

Finally, Rood's article on the autonomous region in the Cordilleras adds light to current discussions on regional autonomy. Along with people's and community participation, local autonomy is recognized as essential to any rural development effort.

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