

Editor's Notes

This issue of the *Journal* presents a variety of topics discussed in historical perspectives.

Interesting theoretical incursions into the beginnings of public administration as a discipline, are provided by Danilo R. Reyes in his paper. Reyes essay delves into some definitions made by earlier scholars, the Progressive Movement and politics-administration dichotomy and Simon's critique of orthodox Public Administration theory in "The Study of Public Administration in Perspective: A Passing Review of the Development of the Discipline." He piques the interest of the readers to engage in an academic introspection of different issues concerning the formal study of public administration.

Amelia P. Varela looks with a refreshing insight on the experience of the Philippine bureaucracy from 1961 to 1987 under Presidents Macapagal, Marcos and Aquino in her piece entitled "Administrative Culture and Political Change: The Philippine Experience, 1961-1987." She sheds some light on the relationship of incoming political leadership and the bureaucracy, extent of control of the Chief Executive over the bureaucracy, and identifies the emergent administrative culture under the Aquino administration.

The historical development of population policy in the Philippines is the subject matter of Ledivina V. Cariño in the article "Population Policy in the Philippines." In this contribution, Cariño not only identifies the dominant continuities and changes in population policy but also analyzes the factors that shape them.

Lastly, the *Journal* features in its *Document Section* R.A. 7924, an act creating the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority.

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