

Editor's Notes

This issue tackles development policies and their implementation in the Philippines and Asia.

The Philippines' decentralization policy enunciated by the Local Government Code of 1991 is discussed in the paper of Elena M. Panganiban entitled "Decentralization in Contemporary Times: The New Local Government Code of the Philippines." The essay also delves on problems in the implementation of the policy.

"The Privatization Experience of Japan: The Case of the Japan National Railways" by Joel V. Mangahas tackles issues and problems of privatization, from which countries like the Philippines can draw lessons.

Victoria A. Bautista's "Status Report on Primary Health Care (1987-1993)" assesses the implementation of that policy. On the basis of the issues discussed, she makes policy recommendations to sustain and improve the management of primary health care.

Monteze M. Snyder discusses the importance of evaluation techniques in the same manner as the participation of local consultants in the evaluation of Asian-based programs in his study "Performance and Participation in Evaluation of Development Assistance in Asia."

The Document Section presents the very important "Social Reform Agenda." The Agenda defines specific roles in pursuit of social development for government in partnership with different sectors of society.

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