

FOREWORD

In an effort to disseminate the results of psychological studies in the Philippines and to determine its capacity to publish scientific materials, the Psychological Association of the Philippines decided in its first general meeting after its 1969 National Convention to come out with two issues of the *Philippine Journal of Psychology* within the year. The decision was a small decision and meant only one issue more than what the Association had published the year before. Nevertheless, it was a significant decision because in it was implied the Association's determination to discover the limits of what it could do.

Although the Association had no doubts that it was going in the right direction when it made the decision to publish two issues, it was not securely convinced it had the intellectual, technical, and financial staying-power required in the venture. The almost monthly scientific meetings and the annual national conventions it had been sponsoring all hinted to but did not compel the belief that it had the ability to publish papers presentable to colleagues in the discipline.

The response to the call for papers to be reviewed for publication in this issue should now erase all doubts that the Association has the intellectual and technical staying-power in scientific publications. With the help of foreign colleagues, all papers for the present (June) issue were in the process of being reviewed within two months after the call was made. And even before the present issue could come out of press, there were already enough papers for the second (December) issue of the Journal this year! Indeed, the Journal might soon face the fate of most psychological journals—a big backlog of publishable papers in its files.

It is, therefore, with continuing pride in its membership and friends that the Association presents this issue of the Journal. This is a tribute to their concern, vigor, and purpose.

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