

Editor's Notes

This number offers articles on various themes in Philippine public administration. The first two articles examine the functions as well as national significance of the Metropolitan Manila Commission. The work of Manuel A. Caoili, "Reflections on Metropolitan Manila Reorganization and Social Change," puts metropolitan reorganization in historical perspective and in the context of certain social dynamics presently operating in Philippine society. Jurgen Ruland's piece, "Metropolitan Government under Martial Law: The MMC Experiment," critically assesses the reorganization in terms of service delivery and further tries to demonstrate how it has in fact been part of the Marcos regime's maneuvering to consolidate and stabilize its position in the Metropolitan Manila Area.

Proserpina D. Tapales' study, "Gender and Perceptions of Influence in Policy-Making: Findings from the Philippine Bureaucracy," sees both men and women in the bureaucracy as having favorable perceptions of themselves with regard to their influence in policy-making. Moreover, such a perception is an important factor for their continued stay in the government service. The article of Ma. Concepcion P. Alfiler, "Group Dynamics in the Philippines: An Exploration of the Literature," is an attempt to identify the indigenous elements in the Filipino's western-influenced culture in order to enable the government to better determine client needs and design programs that are responsive to those needs.

Ledivina V. Cariño and Josie H. de Leon, in their essay, "The Interface between Research and Practice in the Philippine Health System," provide important insights on the essential issue of praxis by focusing on a vital governmental concern, namely, health, and on how basic and applied researches had been translated into actual programs with both delivery and action components.

Finally, the "News and Notes" section has been restored to highlight significant developments in public administration at the national and international scene. Also included are certain "house concerns" to let our readers know more about our institution.