

## Editor's Notes

The year 1991 brought unimaginable tragedies to the lives of many Filipinos and as the year draws to its end, man-made and natural calamities are still hanging over the head of the people like the sword of Damocles. The PJPA Editorial Staff wishes that peace and stability reign over the country at least for the last quarter of 1991 and that 1992 will bring new hope to the nation.

This year-end issue of the *PJPA* offers the article of Ledivina Cariño entitled "The Filipino Family as Described and Prescribed by Law: Preliminary Findings of a Study on Family Policy." This article centers on the inventory and analysis of laws, rules and regulations regarding the Filipino family. The expected role of the family in society is also described and analyzed hand in hand with the responsibilities of the state to the family.

After looking into the basic unit of society which is the family, this issue offers the next article which deals with the capability-building of local officials in the Asia-Pacific region. Entitled "Regional Cooperation in a Capability-Building Program for Local Officials," Perfecto L. Padilla presents an appropriate, relevant and effective training course designed to increase the administrative and technical know-how of the local authorities.

In the third article, Rizal G. Buendia takes us back to the long-standing quest for self-determination of a Filipino ethnic group, the Cordillerans. Buendia's paper, "The Cordillera Autonomy and the Quest for Nation-Building: Prospects in the Philippines," points out the significant as well as substantive administrative issues and concerns of the Cordillerans and entertains the prospects of creating an authentic Cordillera Autonomous Government under a unitary setup.

Lastly, Carmelita Yadao-Guno examines the formulation and implementation of the Generics Act of 1988 which stirred up so much controversial confrontations among the members of the medical profession and medical industry. Designed to protect the buying public, this Act passed through the scrutiny of both its advocates and adversaries. Their contending views are dealt with in detail in the paper including the final verdict on the matter issued by the Supreme Court.