

Issue Editor's Notes

For its third quarter issue, the *Philippine Journal of Public Administration* presents five articles worthy of consideration by academicians and practitioners alike.

The first article "Philippine Social Development Perspectives: Do People Really Matter?" by Rizal G. Buendia discusses the operational meaning and concept of social development. He argues that despite the articulation of social development policies in government documents such as the Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan, Social Reform Agenda and the Human Development Report, they remain inadequate in addressing human development concerns.

Victoria A. Bautista is the author of the second article entitled "Primary Health Care in Pasay City: Summary of Findings, Conclusions and Policy Agenda." In this piece, Bautista traces the beginnings of the Primary Health Care and dwells on its implementation in four barangays (two are pilot barangays while the other two are considered non-PHC areas) in Pasay City, an urban area. She has interesting findings pertaining to citizen participation, health environment condition, health practices, and incidence of death, among others.

In the third article "Towards a Learning Approach in Capability-Building for Philippine Local Government," Ma. Ernita Tolentino Joaquin invites trainors in the field of local government to adopt the learning approach in conceptualizing capability-building programs. Aside from spelling out the advantages of the learning approach, Joaquin also offers her readers a theoretical guide in conducting self-organized learning team as a response to the challenge posed by the Local Government Code of 1991.

Management of Dhaka City is the focal point of the fourth article which is written by Mohammad Mohabbat Khan. His piece entitled "Management of an Asian Mega City: Dhaka" deals with the challenges concomitant to the governance of sprawling cities, particularly Dhaka. While he discusses the problems attendant to the management of mega cities on one hand, he also offers solutions to these problems on the other.

Lastly, Johora Khanam writes on "The Bureaucracy of Nascent Bangladesh." In this paper, Khanam documents the decline of governmental institutions in Bangladesh. Khanam argues that the Awami League government's efforts in organizing the civil administration in Bangladesh did not bring about significant improvement to the bureaucracy but have only exacerbated its problems.