

## Foreword

"Development" seems to be the "in-word" of the moment. Strangely enough, however, the phrase "national development" evokes different kinds of responses from several quarters, varying all the way from the most enthusiastic endorsement, to cautious skepticism, down to the most vocal negative reaction. Precisely because the term has become rather controversial, it has also become a direct topic of discussion as well as the context against which current scholarly investigations are conducted.

It is in both these contexts that papers were chosen for presentation at the Second National Conference of the Philippine Political Science Association held at the University of the Philippines on June 26-27, 1976. Adopting the theme "Political Science, Philippine Politics, and National Development," the PPSA sought to bring to light some of the political ramifications of the goals and programs on which the Philippines and many other developing countries have placed priority.

This *Journal* issue publishes in full the papers read at the conference, as well as some of the transcribed comments of the discussants to each of the papers.

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