

## EDITORIAL INTRODUCTION

**Twenty-Five Years of the Language Study Center  
at Philippine Normal College**

The December 1989 volume of the Philippine Journal of Linguistics is dedicated to the Language Study Center of Philippine Normal College and the men and women behind this Center which is marking its twenty-fifth year (1964-1989).

The Board of Directors of the Linguistic Society of the Philippines and the editorial board of this journal deem it appropriate to issue a commemorative volume to mark this event in the history of the discipline of linguistics, specifically, applied linguistics, in the Philippines.

To commemorate the occasion, we have asked linguist friends of both the Linguistic Society of the Philippines and the Language Study Center, which have worked cooperatively since 1969, to contribute retrospective articles of a historical nature as well as studies in applied linguistics. In addition, other friends who have lectured among us in the past as visiting specialists have been invited to send greetings and messages, and if so inclined, to answer some questions contributing their perceptions of the state of applied linguistics in the Philippines as a form of interchange to inspire members of the Linguistic Society of the Philippines and other friends of the Language Study Center to map out the next twenty-five years in clearer perspective.

So encouraging were the responses that we have had to come out with two issues of the Philippine Journal of Linguistics, the December 1989 issue (Volume 20, number 2) which contains the retrospective articles, messages and greetings, and the interchange of views, and the June 1990 issue (Volume 21, number 1) which contains scholarly contributions in the field of applied linguistics. We foresee that Part 1 will constitute an important contribution to the history of the discipline in the Philippines; Part 2, a significant collection of studies manifesting the progress of research in applied linguistics in the Philippines.

We would like to express our appreciation and sincere thanks to our many friends who have contributed to the anniversary issues.

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