

## Editor's Notes

This second issue of the PJPA for 1993 takes another look at development in the Third World as a concept and as a phenomenon. The first article is entitled "Models of Development and the Concept of Social Development" by Alfonso Z. Guzman. It describes the various models/theories which have emerged through the years in the quest to understand the nature and problems of development and underdevelopment. The author posits that the Philippines' viable development path is outside the orbit of the world capitalist system and in pursuing an independent economic policy.

Mervyn J. Misajon's article entitled "Training Rural Development Managers," traces the failure of rural development programs to poor program administration and poor condition of services. He argues that administrative capability can be improved through the conduct of appropriate training programs that can provide the required knowledge, skills, and values to rural development managers.

The third article by Rizal G. Buendia entitled "Colonialism and Elitism in Philippine Political Development: Assessing the Roots of Underdevelopment," analyzes the political events in the Philippines which perpetuate the country's state of underdevelopment. This state is linked with the colonial and elitist history of the Philippines and development can only be realized when the question of identity and nationhood is resolved.

Rural development in the uplands is the concern of the next article written by Salve B. Borlagdan entitled "Managing the Learning Process in Rural Development: The Case of the DENR's Upland Development Program." The author's analysis of the learning process approach as a major strategy used in the implementation of the Upland Development Program reveals that there is still much to be done to fully accomplish its goals of helping the DENR implement the program in a participatory manner.

The hurdles in realizing an effective and efficient farm input distribution system which is an avowed objective of the Nigerian government is tackled in the last article. Entitled "Making Fertilizer Available to Small-Scale Farmers: Rural Development Policy Options for Nigeria," by D.O. Chikwendu and M.A. Omotayo, the paper presents the fertilizer distribution as a case. The delivery of the needed fertilizer to farmers at the right time, in the right places, and at affordable prices is not achieved due to a host of constraints. The authors suggest alternative means to enable the Nigerian government achieve its objective.