

## Foreword

At a time when, in view of the current Philippine situation, non-practitioners and fellow academicians alike are prone to ask of political scientists, half-derisively and half-jokingly, "Are you still around?", the disciples of what Aristotle considered as the most superior of all the sciences can still reply with pride, "Yes, indeed, we're still in business!" For, misgivings and ignorance notwithstanding, the present situation — fluid as it appears to be — only provides more grist for the mill of the astute political observer and serves to whet his appetite to search for better ways of understanding the Philippine polity and perhaps even of influencing or introducing social change in this society.

Towards this end, the contributors to this issue of the *Philippine Political Science Journal* have addressed themselves to the political issues now facing the nation. One, however, goes beyond territorial and temporal boundaries and assays his own scenarios of the future, one aspect of which had already been presented by another author in a previous issue. Another article goes into the more involved subject of rationality, both as a scientific method and as a study in epistemology.

In effect, it is hoped that all these articles contribute convincing evidence about the rationality of the Filipino political scientist.

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