

THE STATISTICAL TRAINING CENTER

Reference was made in the March issue of this Journal to the implementation of the Supplementary Agreement No. 17 entered into by the United Nations and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines on December 11, 1953. In an interview with Dr. Meredith B. Givens, UN Principal Statistical Advisor, he gave the following statement which we quote in full:

“The Statistical Training Center of the University of the Philippines, established by the Philippine Government in cooperation with the United Nations, began operations in June with the opening of the academic phase of its program and the enrollment of some forty students most of whom are candidates for the degree of Master of Arts in Statistics.

“The Center’s program of consultation and in-service training within government departments is in its preparatory stages as this issue of *The Philippine Statistician* goes to press.

“The Center’s Coordination Board includes the ranking heads of principal Departments and agencies of the Government engaged in statistical activities. On August 6, 1954, the Board adopted a resolution defining government policy which will govern the assignment of government employees for work under the auspices of the Center. This resolution is as follows:

‘1. (a) The heads of the Government departments, entities and corporations may designate, for defined periods, members of their staff who will devote part of their official working hours to the instruction courses and work of the Statistical Training Center, and for participating in demonstration projects.

‘(b) In addition to the above, other trainees may be designated for short term training sessions, and for development projects within their respective agencies, under the guidance of the staff of the Center. Since the projects will relate to the work of the departments, the allocation of working time may be settled mutually between the heads of the departments and staff of the Center.

‘2. The Statistical Training Center shall be responsible for the time of Government trainees assigned to the Center.

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3. The Government trainees under the Center's program shall be mutually agreed upon between the Center and the heads of participating government agencies.'

"The central objective of the Statistical Training Center is to contribute to the "development and maintenance of a high level of efficiency in the statistical services of government agencies and institutions." In the Center's statement of policy it is stated that a sound system of government statistics requires (1) qualified personnel; (2) sound methodology; (3) statistical standards; (4) good organization and adequate budgets; and (5) coordination of statistical activities on a government-wide basis. Through the activities of the Center it is hoped that progress along each of these lines can be advanced. Good civil service specifications, examination procedures consistent with job specifications, and salary schedules appropriate to training and job requirements, will also be essential if basic improvement in the services is to be attained.

"The chief instruments available to the Center for advancing its objectives are instruction, consultation, experiment, and research, in direct cooperation with Government officials and employees. Through individual and group discussion and conference the Center will assist in seeking solutions to problems confronting the agencies.

"In order that Departments may derive benefit from the training program in the shortest possible time, it is planned that employees selected will be given instruction with direct bearing on the solution of statistical problems already faced within their own Department. Thus, the Center's staff will become acquainted with the pressing statistical problems of the Departments, and will then assist in determining, step by step, how these problems may be solved.

"During the current semester academic courses are being offered by the Center in Statistical Analysis, Statistical Operations, Labor and Manpower Statistics, Demography and Vital Statistics, and in the fields of mathematics which are prerequisite or co-requisite to statistical training. The staff of the Center includes at present the following: Enrique T. Virata, Ph.D., Acting Director; Meredith B. Givens, Ph.D. and Satya B. Sen, B.A. and B.Com, United Nations Principal and Senior Statistical Advisers, respectively; Burton T. Oñate, B.S.A. and M.A.; and Victor C. Valenzuela, M.D., M.P.H.

"The Coordination Board of the Center consists of the following members: Hon. Carlos P. Garcia, Vice-President of the Republic of the Philippines, *Chairman*; Hon. Jaime Hernandez,

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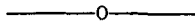
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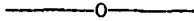
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As originally written and finally proof-read for printing, the third paragraph read as follows:

"Two addresses on statistical matters were delivered by Members of the Cabinet: the first by the Secretary of Commerce and Industry, Hon. Oscar Ledesma, after the banquet held at noon in the Philippine Columbian Association Building; the second by the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Hon. Salvador Araneta, after the banquet held in the evening at the Malacañan Park. Mr. Cesar Lorenzo, President of the Philippine Statistical Association, introduced the guests of honor."



THE THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

In a recent meeting of the Board of Directors it was decided to suggest all members of the Philippine Statistical Association, and others who may desire to submit papers for the Third Annual Conference, to please prepare their papers now to be completed on or about the end of November this year.

The Conference is scheduled for December, 1954. It is suggested that papers be typewritten, double spaced, on 8½" x 11" size sheets; formulas with Greek letters, signs of summation, integration, radicals, etc., should be separate from the text, typed or drawn clearly and legibly on one or more separate sheets, and numbered consecutively from one up; the text of the papers should then refer to the formulas by their respective numbers. This arrangement is necessary because at present, the printing facilities in Manila are so limited that such formulas can not be set up except at an excessive cost. Plates made from the sheets listing such formulas arranged numerically, will speed up printing operations. All references to the literature on the subject treated should be typed at the end of the paper.

