

Editor's Notes

Beginning with this issue, the *PJPA* will come out in **newsprint** along with its traditional bookpaper form. We are offering this option as a way of keeping the journal within reach of our intended readers. As much as possible, we are trying to maintain our usual rates, but we may have to raise them in the future to cope with the spiralling cost of printing. Please note the new subscription rates in the inside front cover.

This issue looks into the current status of the Philippine Administrative System at a time of transition and change.

While the bureaucracy provides continuity during a change of government, its relations with the incoming leadership could be affected by its association with the past regime. Ledivina V. Cariño's article probes into the conflict arising from the current political leadership's attempt to redemocratize Philippine society, including the civil service that has been both an instrument and a victim of authoritarianism. Cariño discusses at length the various processes employed by the present government, and the issues and problems that arose in attempting to purify the bureaucracy of its Marcosian influences.

Regimes often resort to reorganization as a maintenance strategy to streamline the administrative system, and to make it more efficient and effective in its tasks and responsibilities. Cariño's article includes a narrative of the sweeping reorganization within the present government. On the other hand, the article by the CPA Study Team on the reorganization of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) provides a case study of reorganization as a means to promote and reinforce regional planning and development.

Finally, the article by Victoria A. Bautista on the Bureau of Working Conditions offers an example of the regulatory role of the administrative system in society. She traces the development of policies on occupational health and safety (OHS) throughout successive governments, tackles in-depth the administrative features of current OHS enforcement, and identifies the areas of enforcement which stand correction and improvement.