

EDITORS' NOTES

The promotion of scientific population and related studies is an important element towards a better understanding of problems besetting our society today. We in the Philippine Population Association (PPA) believe that healthy discussions of such population and related issues can only be achieved through regular sharing of ideas either through fora or publications. This was the primary reason for the publication of the **Philippine Population Journal** and it is in response to this need for scientific information that we are launching the publication of the **Philippine Population Review** now.

It's been a long and fruitful 17 years for the **Philippine Population Journal**. However, changing times and circumstances demand new approaches. We want to reassert PPA's relevance to the changing context of Philippine population, and the new **Philippine Population Review** will be an important tool for us. This is more than a change in name. We will continue the legacy but we hope to do so more regularly.

On this maiden issue, the Philippine Population Review takes both a regressive and progressive view of the Philippine population situation. At a macro perspective, Dr. Herrin takes us to an interesting analysis of the population and economic growth experience of countries in East Asia and compares this with that of the Philippine's. Dr. Cabigon, on the other hand, provides a comprehensive look at one of the important indicators of health and demographic situation in the country: infant and child mortality. By looking at the various factors affecting both infant and child mortality, Dr. Cabigon draws an interesting picture of the improving trend on health through the years. Similarly, the identification of important socioeconomic and demographic factors that influences infant and child mortality raises relevant areas for policy formulation. Meanwhile, the article of Ms. Cruz et. al., reinforces the significant role that the family plays on adolescent behavior as manifested through their lifestyle.

Two articles in this issue explore innovative approaches to health service delivery and coastal resource management. Dr. Costello and colleagues share the advantages and challenges in implementing a client-centered approach to family planning service delivery. With regard to coastal resource management, Dr. McNally and associates provide an interesting snapshot on the role of migration in population distribution and environmental stability in coastal communities of Palawan province. An elaborate analysis of international migration and the powerlessness of Filipino migrant women framed within the notion of "spaces of dependency" and "spaces of

engagement” is explored in Dr. Tyler’s paper on “Scales of Sexuality and the Migration of Filipino Overseas Contract Workers”.

Finally, a description of the Master in Population Studies, a new graduate program at the University of the Philippines Population Institute, caps this issue of the Philippine Population Review.

All in all, this amalgam of articles is our humble attempt to take stock of the country’s population situation – seen at different angles, through various perspectives. Indeed, a fitting way to launch the **Philippine Population Review**.

The Editors