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EDITORIAL NOTE

For this special issue of the *Philippine Statistician*, we feature several invited articles. The first article deals with the history of the Philippine Statistical Association (PSA), the sole professional organization in the Philippines that promotes sound



Founding Members of PSA



Organization and Induction of Board of Directors of PSA on January 10, 1963

statistical theory and practice. This PSA, which celebrates the Golden Jubilee of its founding, is committed to: (a) foster statistics and its application in the broadest manner; (b) promote unity and effectiveness of effort among all concerned with statistical problems; and (c) increase the contribution of statistics to human welfare. The *Philippine Statistician* is its scientific journal. Also in this issue are four invited papers presented during the PSA Research Conference in honor of a past President of the PSA, an outstanding researcher, a prolific writer, a well-loved educator, and undoubtedly one of the pillars of Statistical Science in the Philippines, the late Dr. Burton T. Oñate.



Dr. Burton T. Oñate



Five Pillars of Statistics in the Philippines:
Dr. Enrique Virata, Dr. Tito Mejares, Dr. Cristina Parel, Dr. Burton Oñate and Dr. Domingo Alonzo