

OPENING REMARKS

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The theme of the Ninth Annual Conference of the Philippine Statistical Association (PSA) held last June 24, 1961 at the Erlanger and Galinger, Inc. Auditorium is "Statistics in Economic Development". In this context, statistics may be defined as the set of statistical theory and procedures, and/or statistical subject matter fields which may have relevance to any stage in economic development which is a process of increasing the per capital real wage income of the nation.

In view of the broadness of the subject matter theme and of the limited time allocated to the conference, only six papers will be presented and discussed.

The objectives of the Conference are to (1) discuss the theme through presentation of formal papers, and (2) bring together under a common atmosphere, producers and users of "Statistics in Economic Development". Discussions which follow the formal presentation of each paper will be summarized and these summaries will be incorporated as part of the proceedings.

In behalf of the Conference Committee, allow me to welcome you and your guests to our PSA Ninth Annual Conference.