



# EROPA BULLETIN

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## COUNTDOWN TO THE 2019 EROPA CONFERENCE

There is less than 2 months to go until the 27th General Assembly and Conference on “The Future of Public Administration: Rethinking Resilience, Equity, and Sustainability in the Region and Beyond” to be held at the National College of Public Administration and Governance, University of the Philippines (UP NCPAG) in Quezon City, Philippines on 22 to 27 September 2019.

The aim of the conference is to stimulate debate and conversation on the role of the State in developing and sustaining public administration solutions across various fields in these challenging and uncertain times. It will specifically tackle the following sub-themes:

- Social Equity and Well-Being
- Environmental Sustainability
- Public Finance and the Good Life
- Fourth Industrial Revolution and Development

To secure your slot in the Conference, you may now register online through this link: <https://bit.ly/2YwOX3tL>. Please be reminded that the end of online registration is on 31 August 2019.

### SUBMISSION OF FULL PAPERS

All the selected paper presenters have already been contacted by the 2019 EROPA Organizing Committee. Please take note to submit your full papers by **15 August 2019** and PowerPoint presentations by **31 August 2019**.



*“The **Carlos P. Ramos Award for Best Conference Paper** shall be conferred to the*

*most outstanding paper presented in the conference, which is authored by an individual or team of individuals. Only one award shall be given to one paper. In case of multiple authors, the Award shall be shared by the authors. The Award consists of a certificate of recognition and a cash prize of USD 1000.”*

For individuals/group of individuals (whose paper has been accepted for presentation and) whom would like to qualify for the Carlos P. Ramos Award for Best Conference Paper, please take note to submit your full paper by 15 August. ■

Official Poster of the 2019 EROPA Conference

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## 27th General Assembly on “The Future of Public Administration: Rethinking Resilience, Equity, and Sustainability in the Region and Beyond” and 65th Executive Council Meeting

### Tentative Program at a Glance (As of 1 August 2019)

#### Day 0, 22 September – Sunday (for Executive Council Members only)

- 15:00 - 15:30 : Registration
- 15:30 - 18:30 : 65th Executive Council Meeting (*Dinner hosted by EROPA and the Civil Service Commission of the Philippines follows*)

#### Day 1, 23 September – Monday

- 7:00 - 9:00 : Registration
- 9:00 - 11 : Opening Ceremony and Plenary I – Future of Public Administration

- Jono Kwame Sundaram (*Senior Advisor, Khazanah Research Institute, Malaysia*)

- Pan Suk Kim (*Professor, College of Business and Governance, Yonsei University, Korea*)

- 11:00 - 12:00 : General Assembly I
- 12:00 - 12:30 : Plenary II

- Maria Leonor Gerona Robredo\* (*Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines*)

- 12:30 - 13:30 : Lunch
- 13:30 - 15:00 : Plenary III – Asian Leadership Forum: *The Next Generation Leaders\**
- 15:00 - 15:30 : Coffee Break
- 15:30 - 17:00 : Plenary IV – Social Equity and Well-Being

- Eko Prasajo (*Professor, University of Indonesia, Indonesia*)

- Rosa Minhyo Cho (*Professor, Sungkyunkwan University, Korea*)

- Anjanette Saguisag (*Chief of Social Policy, UNICEF Philippines*)

- Leonor M. Briones\* (*Secretary, Department of Education, Philippines*)

- 18:30 - 20:30 : Welcome Dinner (sponsored by the University of the Philippines)

#### Day 2, 24 September – Tuesday

- 9:00 - 10:30 : Plenary V – Public Finance and the Good Life

- Bruno Carrasco (*Director, Public Management, Financial Sector, and Trade Division, Asian Development Bank*)

- Michael Mah-Hui Lim (*Professor and International Banker, Malaysia*)

- 10:30 - 11:00 : Coffee Break
- 11:00 - 12:30 : Future Plans and Programs Committee Meeting (for committee members only) ; Simultaneous Parallel Sessions on Environmental Sustainability 1, Public Finance 1, and Social Equity 1
- 12:30 - 13:30 : Lunch
- 13:30 - 15:00 : Open Forum on EROPA Future Plans and Programs (open to all conference participants); and Simultaneous Parallel Sessions on Environmental Sustainability 2, Public Finance 2, and Social Equity 2
- 15:00 - 15:30 : Coffee Break
- 15:30 - 17:00 : Simultaneous Parallel Sessions on Environmental Sustainability 3, Public Finance 3, Social Equity 3, and Fourth Industrial Revolution 1
- 18:30 - 20:30 : Dinner\* (sponsored by Hon. Joy Belmonte Alimurung, Mayor of Quezon City, Philippines)

#### Day 4, 25 September – Wednesday

- 9:00 - 10:30 : Plenary VI – Fourth Industrial Revolution and Development

- Maria Cynthia Rose B. Bautista (*Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of the Philippines, Philippines*)

- Richard Abendan\* (*Science, Technology, Research and Innovation for Development (STRIDE) Program, RTI International, Philippines*)

- 10:30 - 11:00 : Coffee Break
- 11:00 - 12:30 : Open Forum on EROPA Future Plans and Programs (open to all conference participants); and Simultaneous Parallel Sessions on Environmental Sustainability 4, Public Finance 4, and Social Equity 4
- 12:30 - 13:30 : Lunch
- 13:30 - 15:00 : Simultaneous Parallel Sessions on Environmental Sustainability 5, Public Finance 5, Social Equity 5, and Fourth Industrial Revolution 2
- 15:00 - 15:30 : Coffee Break

- 15:30 - 17:00 : Plenary VII – Resilience and Environmental Sustainability

- Alfredo Mahar Lagmay (*Executive Director, UP Resilience Institute, Philippines*)

#### Day 4, 26 September – Thursday

- 9:00 - 9:45 : Election of Group Member Representatives to the Executive Council (for EROPA members only)
- 9:45 - 10:30 : Election of Individual Member Representatives to the Executive Council (for EROPA members only)
- 9:00 - 9:45 : Simultaneous Parallel Sessions on Environmental Sustainability 6, Public Finance 6, and Social Equity 6
- 10:30 - 11:00 : Coffee Break
- 11:00 - 12:30 : Plenary VIII – Special Panel on Competition, Regulation, and Public Sector Reform

- Heung Suk Choi (*Professor, Department of Public Administration, Korea University, Korea*)

- Ernesto V. Perez (*Deputy Director-General, Anti-Red Tape Authority, Philippines*)

- Alicia dela Rosa Bala (*Chairperson, Civil Service Commission, Philippines*)

- 12:30 - 13:30 : Lunch
- 13:30 - 14:00 : Launch of #TAG (Thinking About Governance), Dialogue Series
- 14:00 - 15:30 : General Assembly II

#### Day 5, 27 September – Friday

- Whole Day – Learning Visit / Post-Conference Tour

\*speakers and sponsors to be confirmed

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LINE-UP OF CONFIRMED SPEAKERS



**JOMO KWAME  
SUNDARAM**

Senior Advisor, Khazanah  
Research Institute, Malaysia



**PAN SUK KIM**

Professor, College of Business  
and Governance, Yonsei  
University, Korea



**EKO PRASOJO**

Professor, University of  
Indonesia, Indonesia



**ROSA MINHYO CHO**

Professor, Sungkyunkwan  
University, Korea



**ANJANETTE  
SAGUISAG**

Chief of Social Policy,  
UNICEF Philippines



**BRUNO CARRASCO**

Director, Public Management,  
Financial Sector, and Trade  
Division, Asian Development  
Bank



**MICHAEL MAH  
HUI LIM**

Professor and International  
Banker, Malaysia



**MARIA CYNTHIA  
ROSE BAUTISTA**

Vice President for Academic  
Affairs, University of the  
Philippines, Philippines



**ALFREDO M.  
LAGMAY**

Executive Director, UP Resilience  
Institute, Philippines)



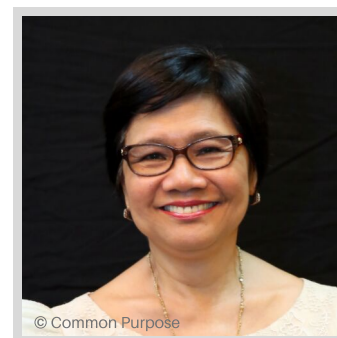
**HEUNG SUK CHOI**

Professor, Department of  
Public Administration, Korea  
University, Korea



**ERNESTO V. PEREZ**

Deputy Director-General, Anti-  
Red Tape Authority, Philippines



**ALICIA DELA  
ROSA-BALA**

Chairperson, Civil Service  
Commission, Philippines



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GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Accommodations

The conference venue is near various hotels, inns, guest houses, dormitories, and other types of accommodations. Participants need to contact the hotel or lodging directly for room reservations.

For conference participants who will be coming in from out of town or the country, the conference hosts recommend that they book at either Seda Hotel Vertis North or Microtel by Wyndham – Technohub, which are near the conference venue. Both hotels’ standard/deluxe room rate ranges from USD 70 to USD 96.

Meals

Lunch meals will be served to participants during the conference proper (23-26 September 2019). Snacks will also be served in the morning and afternoon in-between sessions. Special meals may be made available for participants with dietary restrictions.

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Seda Hotel Vertis North



Microtel by Wyndham - Technohub

Information on business hours in Metro Manila, the climate, currency exchange of USD to PHP, etc. can be found on the conference’s website (<https://bit.ly/2FwizHC>).

Any other matters regarding the conference should be raised with either:



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University of the Philippines  
Diliman 1101, R.P. De Guzman, Diliman, Quezon City, Metro Manila  
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or



OPEN FORUM ON  
EROPA FUTURE PLANS  
AND PROGRAMS

The Future Plans and Programs Committee invites everyone to participate in either of the open fora that will be held simultaneously with some of the workshop sessions during the conference proper – specifically on the following date and time/s:

- 24 September 2019, 13:30 PM to 15:00 PM, Room 307, UP NCPAG
- 25 September 2019, 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM, Conference Room in the Office of the Dean, UP NCPAG

**These sessions are open to all conference participants.** They are being organized with the hope that not only EROPA members but also potential members may contribute ideas for the development of the organization.

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR  
THE 2019 EROPA  
CONFERENCE WILL BE  
OPEN UNTIL 31 AUGUST  
2019.

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Official Poster of #TAG On the Move: Dialogue on Migration

**THE EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL.  
ADMISSION IS FREE.  
HOWEVER, LIMITED SEATS  
ARE AVAILABLE.**

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NOW**

[1] Campbell, A. (2018). What is a Hashtag? And What Do You Do With Hashtags?. Retrieved from <https://smallbiztrends.com/2013/08/what-is-a-hashtag.html>

[2] According to the Philippine Bureau of Customs, balikbayan box/es are "packages of personal effects and/or pasalubongs" sent by Filipinos residing or working abroad to their families or relatives in the Philippines". This has somewhat stood as a cultural icon of the Filipino migrants abroad since the early 1970 or 1980s. (source: <https://www.approvedforwarders.com/story-of-the-balikbayan-box/> and <https://www.rappler.com/move-ph/balikbayan/identity/155405-balikbayan-boxes-things-to-know>)

## #TAG DIALOGUE TO BE LAUNCHED ON 15 AUGUST

JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY EROPA AND  
UP CIPAL PHILIPPINES

In reference to the article entitled "Public Administration Talk" (PA Talk) on the December 2018 Issue of the EROPA Bulletin Nos. 3 & 4 (pp. 11-12), PA Talk – which was a working title back then – will be re-branded as #TAG Dialogue and launched this 15 August 2019.

#TAG (read as hashtag) stands for #ThinkingAboutGovernance. It will be accompanied by the tagline "Challenging Governance Ideals and Realities". The use of an octotrophe or hash symbol (#) before the acronyms T-A-G points to the symbol's relevance to social media. In such situations, hashtags "provide a way for the public to express their sentiment". This is something many individuals (and even institutions) feel compelled to do – most especially in the case of matters where it concerns the general public. To this effect, it is like an information lifeline. In today's day and age, individuals cling and/or depend on it – to learn more about an event/issue and use it as an outlet.

EROPA and the University of the Philippines - Centre International de Formation des Autorités et Leaders (UP-CIFAL) Philippines are holding #TAG On the Move: Dialogue on the Move on 15 August 2019, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Case Room of UP NCPAG, Quezon City, Diliman, Philippines.

EROPA and UP-CIFAL Philippines are cognizant of the fact that migration is a defining feature of today's globalized world – as it aff-

ects the multifaceted dimensions of development at all levels. As there are still many misconceptions on the said phenomenon, it is in this view that both organizations endeavor to promote Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 10.7, "facilitate orderly, safe, and responsible migration and mobility of people, including through implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies", and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) Objective 17 which includes "eliminat[ing] all forms of discrimination and promote evidence-based public discourse to shape perceptions of migration".

The two topics that will be discussed are (1) "Debunking the Myths of Migration" by Dr. Orlando Mercado, EROPA Secretary-General; and (2) "Unpacking the Balikbayan Box" by Mr. Rex Varona, International Labour Organization Philippines, National Project Coordinator. The talks by the two experts will be recorded in front of an audience and will be published on various types of online mediums. EROPA also hopes that this activity will help the Organization create a well-curated and innovative online resource on PA & G. ■

EROPA MEMBERS' CORNER

ASPA AWARDS DR. PAN SUK KIM

Dr. Pan Suk Kim is a Professor of Public Administration in the College of Government and Business at Yonsei University, South Korea. He was the Minister of Personnel Management of the Republic of Korea from July 2017 to December 2018 and a Secretary to the President for Personnel Policy in the Office of the President from December 2003 to January 2005.

Dr. Kim has been a lifetime regular individual member of EROPA since the year 2000. He was ARPA's Editor-in-Chief from 2009 to 2016.

Dr. Kim received two awards at the 2019 Annual Conference of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) in Washington, DC.

On 9 March 2019, the ASPA, Section on International and comparative Administration (SICA) conferred to him the *Fred W. Riggs Award* in recognition of lifetime scholarly achievement in international and comparative administration.

Following this - on 11 March 2019, ASPA also awarded him the *Donald C. Stone Service to ASPA Award* in recognition of his sustained commitment, dedicated service and exemplary contribution to the organization.



Dr. Kim receiving the Donald C. Stone Award on stage during one of the sessions at the 2019 Annual ASPA Conference



Photos of the awards that ASPA conferred Dr. Kim

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JOURNALS - CALL FOR PAPERS



Cover Page of the 2017 Issue of ARPA

ASIAN REVIEW OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (ARPA)

ARPA, Volume 29, Nos. 1-2, is due to be published in a couple of weeks. In light of this development, **ARPA is open to manuscript submissions for publication in the 30 th Volume of ARPA for the 2019 Issue.** ARPA welcomes submissions from scholars and academicians, practitioners, students and researchers writing about matters and issues in the field of Public Administration and Governance (PA & G).



ARPA

ARPA is the flagship journal of EROPA. It is an internationally-refereed journal in the field of PA & G. It has been in publication since June 1989 - succeeding the EROPA Review (1960 - 1975) and the EROPA Journal (1983 - 1984). ARPA intends to serve as a consistent avenue wherein views of scholars and practitioners can be shared. The mission of ARPA reinforces EROPA's commitment to help advance good administration and governance not only among the region but beyond as well.


Since ARPA is essentially a regional journal, priority will be given to manuscripts focusing on issues and developments relevant to Asia and the Pacific region. Articles submitted for publication should be between 6,000 and 8,000 words inclusive of notes and references. They should be submitted double-spaced, preferably online, to [publications@eropa.co](mailto:publications@eropa.co) or <http://journals.sfu.ca/arpa/index.php/arpa/announcement>. ■

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PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY (PAP)

The Hong Kong Public Administration Association (HKPAA) invites paper presenters of the 2019 EROPA Conference to submit papers to Public Administration and Policy: An Asia-Pacific Journal (PAP) published by HKPAA and Emerald in the UK.

It is a semi-annual peer-reviewed journal jointly sponsored by the HKPAA and SPEED, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. From 2018 onwards, PAP has been an online publication on Emerald Insight's platform: <https://bit.ly/1aXewlP>. Please visit the journal website to view PAP's recently published issues and submission guidelines.

PAP welcomes academics, students, practitioners and managers in non-profit organisations to contribute papers relating to public administration and management in the forms of research papers, case studies, commentaries, and viewpoints. PAP is published under an Open Access arrangement free of charge for all authors & readers with all costs associated with publishing articles funded by sponsors.

Since first established in 1990, HKPAA has been committed to promote the excellence in the study and practice of public administration. It has collaborated with local universities and counterparts overseas, to arouse interest in the pursuit of best practices in public services. Its official journal, PAP is devoted to the integration of theories and practice of public sector management, with special emphasis on the Asian Pacific region.



Cover Page of the Vol.22 No.1 2019 Issue of PAP

Please send your paper (between 4,000 to 7,000 words in length) to the Editor-in-Chief of PAP, Prof. Peter Fong at [fongpeter@netvigator.com](mailto:fongpeter@netvigator.com) or Associate Editor, Alice Y.C. Te at [aliceteyc@yahoo.com.hk](mailto:aliceteyc@yahoo.com.hk). ■

RELEASE OF AUTHORSHIP AND PUBLICATION/s

**Title of the Article:** Unique Identification Based Online Census System for Electronic Governance

**Journal Name:** *International Journal of Computer Science Network* (2016) ; revised, updated the study, and published again in *Journal of Emerging Technologies and Innovative Research* (2019)

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OPEN ACCESS TO DR. DUTTA'S THE ARTICLE

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Article Abstract:

Census refers to the socio-economic data collection process aimed at creating a community's citizen database. Meanwhile, e-governance refers to the delivery of state and central government information and services to its citizens, businesses within the community, and different institutions with the use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT). In this study, a Unique Identification Based E-Census System was proposed (specifically, the *Aadhar*, Unique Identification Authority of India). Based on the existing census sys-

tem in India, various modules of the proposed e-census system were designed, implemented, integrated, and verified with a simulated database. The various online modules include online data capturing, integrating census systems with *Aadhar* database, census data monitoring, and utilizing the online census database for various e-governance applications. Relevant user interfaces are also designed for updating birth and death records, utilization of e-census data for next censuses in

addition to reducing manual intervention. This study also demonstrated that e-census data can be used for various decision-making applications - i.e. opening educational institutions, granting unemployment allowance, etc. This is possible as online census data is linked to various public institutions' service delivery and all required data is available online. The study concludes that online censust system not only has the potential to replace the manual system but can also allow efficient and a more effective e-governance. ▣



UPCOMING EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON

**The Transformation of Economic Drivers and New Trends in Human Resources Management**

 QINGDAO, SHANDONG PROVINCE, CHINA  
22 - 23 OCTOBER 2019

THE CENTER FOR HUMAN  
RESOURCE RESEARCH OF EROPA



**INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON THE  
TRANSFORMATION OF ECONOMIC  
DRIVERS AND NEW TRENDS IN  
HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**

The EROPA E-Government Research Center, housed by the Chinese Academy of Personnel Science in the People’s Republic of China, is proposing to change its technical center to Human Resource Research Center. In line with this, it plans to hold an international seminar on “**The Transformation of Economic Drivers and New Trends in Human Resource Management (HRM)**” in Qingdao, Shandong Province, China on **22 to 23 October 2019**.



## "TRANSFORMATION OF ECONOMIC DRIVERS[...]"

### Conference Sub-themes:

- *New demands, challenges and strategies for human resources development under new circumstances;*
- *The economic transformation and human resource management reform and innovation;*
- *The economic transformation and the role of the government in human resource management and development;*
- *The economic restructuring and promotion of quality employment;*
- *The economic transformation and harmonious labor relations building;*
- *Cultivating new drivers and promoting vocational skills;*
- *The impact of artificial intelligence and technological progresses on human resource management;*
- *The change of human resource market and the development of human resource service industry;*
- *The innovation of personnel management system in public sector;*
- *Motivating public servants: building motivations for serving better;*
- *Capitalizing on people advantage in the public sector for economic development;*
- *And the international cooperation in human resources development under new circumstances.*

Papers, written in either English or Chinese focusing on the themes and sub-themes of the conference, shall contain 5,000 to 6,000 words and be submitted to [rky218@163.com](mailto:rky218@163.com) by **31 August 2019**. The author will receive timely feedback no matter the paper is accepted or not.

For more information on the event, visit <https://bit.ly/33eJnqi>. You may also send a message via email to Professor Yi Wang ([rky218@163.com](mailto:rky218@163.com)). ☐



Official Posters of the 1st PPPN Conference

## CONFERENCE ON THE THEME "TOWARDS ADAPTIVE PUBLIC POLICY- MAKING IN ANXIOUS TIMES"

The Center for Policy and Executive Development (CPED) of the National College of Public Administration and Governance (NCPAG), University of the Philippines-Diliman and Philippine Public Policy Network (PPPN) shall launch the PPPN Inaugural Conference and Organizational Meeting on **21-22 November 2019**. The venue will be at the International Center for Public Administration (ICPA), NCPAG, University of the Philippines-Diliman, Quezon City.

The event is a two-part initiative that aims to: 1) be a market place of policy ideas for formulation, analysis and review of issues (e.g. poverty, inequality, inflation, fake news, and focus on many laws in the Philippines - i.e. the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) law, Build Build Build, federalism, foreign policy pivot to China, war on drugs, bureaucratic capacity issues, free tertiary education, free irrigation), public-private partnerships, war on drugs, transportation and 2) establish the country equivalent of the umbrella organization of the Asia Pacific Public Policy Network (APPPN) by electing the composition of the PPPN. You may also follow the Facebook page of CPED, UP NCPAG ([@CPEDncpag](https://www.facebook.com/CPEDncpag)) to stay updated on the latest developments with regard to their upcoming meeting and conference this November. ☐

UP NCPAG is a network institutional member under the Philippines' state membership to EROPA.

## "TOWARDS ADAPTIVE PUBLIC POLICY [...]"

Interested policy practitioners and stakeholders from the academe and other sectors may register now!

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**REGISTER FOR  
THE PPPN  
CONFERENCE**

## OTHER CPED EVENTS

CPED will also be conducting a series of extension programs with the support of *Konrad Adenauer Stiftung* (KAS) throughout the year:

**AUGUST 28 - 29, 2019** - 2-Day Policy Workshop entitled, **"Policy Workshop: Philippine Ocean Governance"**: The workshop aims to gather all major policy actors and stakeholders to discuss the policy implications of the various issues and problems surrounding the competing claims on the West Philippine Sea of countries in Asia. It will help policy-makers and experts to identify, better understand, and more effectively address the issue on Ocean Governance in the Philippines.

**OCTOBER 23 - 25, 2019** - In partnership with the Department of National Defense-Office of Civil Defense (OCD), Philippines, CPED will have a 3-day training program on **"Public Service Continuity Planning"**: The program is intended to equip local government personnel from far flung areas from Visayas on knowledge, skills and best practices in preparing their offices to withstand disasters and [...]

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## MEMBERS' RECENTLY HELD EVENT/s

### "PMASUC: EMBRACING INSTITUTIONAL TRANSFORMATION THROUGH GOOD GOVERNANCE"

The People's Managers Association of State Universities and Colleges, Inc. (PMASUC) - a local organization of human resource management practitioners from the state universities and colleges (SUCs) in the Philippines - recently held an event with the theme **"PMASUC: Embracing Institutional Transformation through Good Governance"** last 23-25 April 2019 at Reyna's The Haven and Gardens, Tagbilaran City, Bohol, Philippines.

The event was participated by 261 people managers coming from different SUCs of different parts of the Philippines. The event had six learning sessions with a variety of activities and caliber subject experts.



Some photos from the "PMASUC: Embracing Institutional Transformation through Good Governance" event

Information on them are the following:

- "Sharing of Best Practices on Good Governance: Batangas State University Experience" by dr. Tirso Ronquillo, President of the Batangas State University
- "Relentless Self-Care: Treat Yourself" by Ms. Maria Dina E. Golosino, Guidance Counselor from Bohol Island State University
- "Revisiting Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management in SUCs" by Dir. Victoria F. Esber, Regional Director of the Philippine Civil Service Commission (CSC) Regional Office VIII

“PMASUC: EMBRACING INSTITUTIONAL [...]”


- “Salient Features of the Revised Omnibus Rules on Appointments and Other Human Resource Actions” by Atty. Gina A. Crucio, Director II of the Philippine CSC Region VII
- “Implementation of Freedom of Information among SUCs” by Dir. Ariel B. Bacatan, Director III, CSC Region VII
- “Public Sector Unionism” by Dir. Ariel B. Bacatan, Director III of the Philippine CSC Region VII

The convention concluded with new learnings, more linkages and renewed commitment to provide the public with quality service. PMASUC continues to develop human resources even in the regional level.

PMASUC has been a regular institutional member of EROPA since 2017. Contributive to the general aims of EROPA as an organization, PMUSIC envisions to be an association promoting not only equality but also the highest standards in public service. ■

[...] recover to be able to render services to disaster victims as soon as possible. At the end of the training program, they should be able to draw up their office continuity plans.

**OCTOBER 2019 TBA** - In collaboration with the Asian Institute



**ELECTIONS DURING THE 2019 EROPA CONFERENCE**

**CONFERENCE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS**

The 27th General Assembly (GA) will witness the elections of this year's GA Conference President and Vice Presidents.

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAIR AND VICE CHAIRS**

The 65th Executive Council Meeting this year will determine the chair and vice chairs of the EROPA Executive Council (EC) for the next two years.

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES**

All EROPA group and individual members are invited to participate in the separate elections that will be held simultaneously with some of the workshop sessions during this year's 2019 EROPA conference proper - specifically on the following date and time/s:

- 26 September 2019, 9:00 to 9:45 AM - Group Members Representative Election
- 26 September 2019, 9:45 to 10:30 AM - Individual Members Representative Election

**Venue for both Elections:** Conference Room in the Office of the Dean, UP NCPAG

**ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE EC WILL SERVE TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS - IN THE 66TH AND 67TH EROPA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (2020 JANUARY TO 2021 DECEMBER).**

OTHER CPED EVENTS  
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of Management Rizalino S. Navarro Policy Center for Competitiveness, CPED will hold an innovative 2 -Day Policy Workshop on **Federalism**. The workshop will aim to gather the stakeholders of the local government and business sector in Luzon. The outputs of the workshop will be for-

warded to the major policy-making bodies of the country for their consideration in their mission to “federalize” the Philippines. ■

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## CALL FOR INPUT FOR THE DECEMBER 2019 ISSUE, VOL. 40, NO. 4 OF EROPA BULLETIN

In an effort to improve the quality of the EROPA Bulletin, we are pleased to announce a **CALL FOR INPUT** for the December 2019 Issue (*Vol. 40, No. 4*). Please refer to the following provisional subjects for your consideration:

- Recently held events (e.g. conference, symposium, forum, workshop, training, etc.);
- Upcoming events (e.g. training sessions, workshops, and expert group meetings, etc.);
- Release and authorship of publications\*;
- Public Service Developments\* (e.g. awards or certification given to individuals or institution, etc.);
- Newsletter of your institution\*;
- Commentary on a Public Administration Issue or Matter\*\*

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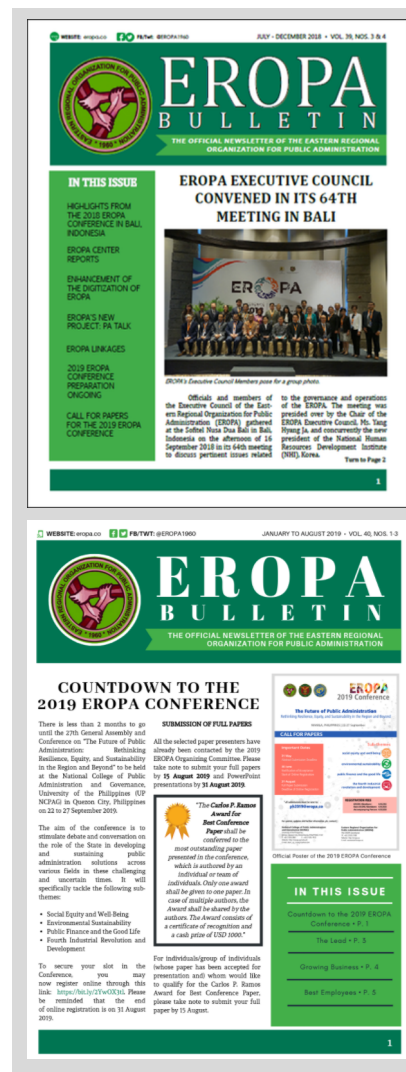
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