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## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AWARENESS

In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the EROPA recommends checking the World Health Organization's website ([www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019](http://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019)) for the most accurate and up-to-date information.

Stay safe and healthy!

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## EROPA CONFERENCE POSTPONED TO AUGUST 2021

66th Executive Council Meeting and Conference on  
**"Public Governance for Inclusive Growth: Accountability, Engagement, and Digital Transformation"**

25 to 28 October 2020  
Bangkok, Thailand → 1 to 4 August 2021  
Bangkok, Thailand

For more information, visit  
<http://gspa.nida.ac.th/eropa/>

- Rationale for the theme & sub-themes
- Deadlines and landmark dates
- Travel information
- And many more

Source: Agoda.com

EROPA Facebook Post to announce the postponement of the conference.

The EROPA Conference this year originally scheduled to take place on 25 to 28 October 2020 has been rescheduled to **1 to 4 August 2021**. After months of monitoring the situation brought about by the Corona Virus (COVID-19) Pandemic, the Committee Board of Hosting 2020 EROPA Conference has officially announced their decision to postpone the conference this year. This decision was made by official correspondence, in a letter signed by the President of the host institution,

Thailand's National Institute of Development Administration, addressed to the EROPA Secretariat-General sent late June 2020.

This decision was made in consideration of the World Health Organization's and Thailand's Ministry of Public Health's recommendation on public health measures. The organizers and EROPA believe that the health and safety of all interested participants is the top priority. Below are the new schedule:

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2021 CONFERENCE	
Deadline of Abstract Submission	6 March 2021
Sending of Notification of Acceptance	6 April 2021
Early Bird Rate Registration Deadline	7 May 2021
Deadline of Submission of Full Papers	23 May 2021
Deadline of Submission of PowerPoint Presentation and End of Online Registration	7 July 2021
Conference Date	1-4 August 2021

For any concerns or inquiries regarding the this conference, please contact any of the following:



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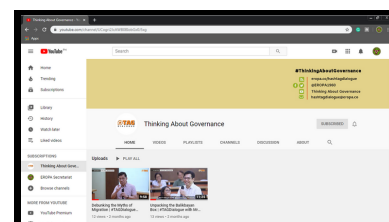


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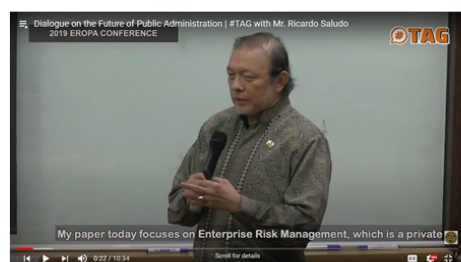


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or subscribe to #TAG Dialogue's YouTube Channel by looking up *Thinking About Governance on YouTube*.



## NEW VIDEOS POSTED ON #TAG YOUTUBE CHANNEL



Thumbnails of Mr. Saludo and Dr. Bautista's #TAG Videos

Following the release of Dr. Rosa Minhyo Cho and Dr. Michael Mah Hui Lim's videos on #TAG Dialogue last 17 April 2020, EROPA proudly presents two new post-produced videos yet again.

During the 2019 EROPA Conference, selected speakers were filmed during their presentations in the plenary and workshop sessions. Their videos were then edited by the EROPA Secretariat to fit the #TAG branding.

T-A-G in #TAG Dialogue stands for "Thinking about Governance". This project aims to promote awareness on matters and issues related to the fields of Public Administration and Governance by helping make expert information on the said field/s concise and comprehensible for both scholars and the general public. The Dialogues are filmed and uploaded online to contribute to a video collection on various Public Administration and Governance topics that will help cha-

**CONT. OF NEW VIDEOS  
POSTED ON #TAG YOUTUBE  
CHANNEL**

llenge governance ideals and realities.

On 14 July 2020, two new videos were uploaded on Thinking About Governance Dialogue's YouTube Channel yet again. This time, Dr. Cynthia Rose Bautista – Vice President for Academic Affairs of the University of the Philippines Diliman – enlightens viewers on the advantages of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and Development (most especially on Higher Education). Whereas Mr. Ricard Saludo – former Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission and current President of the Center for Strategy, Enterprise, and Intelligence (CenSEI) – informs viewers of the similarities between risk management in private and public sector.

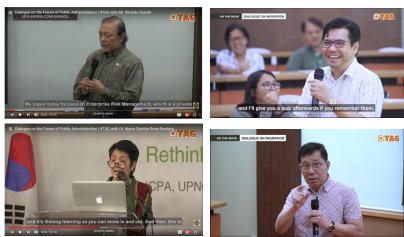
Support this endeavor by subscribing to #TAG Dialogue's Channel ([www.youtube.com/channel/UCogr12JcAWB0BIobGx0J5xg](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCogr12JcAWB0BIobGx0J5xg)) or streaming the uploaded videos. To learn more about this, visit [www.eropa.co/hashtagdialogue.html](http://www.eropa.co/hashtagdialogue.html). ■

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# STAY SAFE & HEALTHY

## REDUCE YOUR RISKS OF COVID-19 INFECTION

**Basic protective measures against the Coronavirus (COVID-19):**

- ▶ Wash your hands regularly.
- ▶ Maintain social distancing.
- ▶ Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- ▶ Practice respiratory hygiene.
- ▶ if you have a fever, cough, or trouble breathing, seek medical care early.
- ▶ Stay informed and follow advice given by the public health authorities.

For more information and advice on the COVID-19 Pandemic, visit [www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019](http://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019)

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**WEBINAR SERIES ON INDUSTRY 4.0 AND EMERGING  
TRENDS (DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
2020)**

Watch the Development Academy of the Philippines' Webinar Series on Industry 4.0 and Emerging Trends (26 June to 31 July) on *Understanding Industry 4.0 and Its Implications Towards a Future-Ready and Resilient MSMEs* (Part 1).

The aim of these online learning sessions is to give participants a basic understanding of the concepts, frameworks, requirements, and possible effects on Micro, Small,

and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) operations. It also aims to discuss the Philippines' current situation and efforts on the adoption of Industry 4.0 for MSMEs. This webinar is free for all. One just needs to subscribe to the Development Academy of the Philippines' YouTube Page DAP CFG.OMO) to join it and gain access to other free online materials.

The Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) was founded in 19-





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## WEBINAR SERIES ON INDUSTRY 4.0 AND EMERGING TRENDS

Part 1: Understanding Industry 4.0 and Its Implications Towards a Future-Ready and Resilient MSMEs

**Sessions Title:**

- Session 2: Understanding Industry 4.0 for MSMEs
- Session 3: Leveraging Smart Technologies for the Manufacturing Industry and MSMEs

**Date and Time:** July 3, 2020 10:00 - 11:30 am

**Google Meet Link:** <https://meet.google.com/nne-imww-jzj>

Kindly subscribe to **DAP CFG.OMO** Youtube Account to be notified on our upcoming webinar sessions.

**Resource Speaker**  
**Mr. Pablo Yambot**  
Lecturer, ADMU and UP  
Managing Director, UBQTY



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## WEBINAR SERIES ON INDUSTRY 4.0 AND EMERGING TRENDS

Part 1: Understanding Industry 4.0 and Its Implications Towards a Future-Ready and Resilient MSMEs

**Resource Speakers**

- Dr. Rafaelita M. Aldaba**  
Undersecretary for Competitiveness and Innovation, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
- Mr. Pablo Yambot**  
Lecturer, ADMU and UP, Managing Director, UBQTY
- Dr. Jose Ramon G. Albert**  
Senior Research Fellow, Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS)
- Ms. Tonielyn Lim**  
Representative, UNIDO Country Office Philippines

**Brief Description:**  
These online learning sessions aim to give the participants a basic understanding of the concepts, frameworks, requirements, and current trends on Industry 4.0 and possible effects on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) operations. It also intends to discuss the country's current situation and efforts on the adoption of Industry 4.0 for MSMEs.

June 26 - July 31, 2020

To watch the webinar series session, please subscribe in the **DAP CFG.OMO** Youtube Account. Also, click the bell button to get notified on our upcoming webinar series session.


WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6
June 26, 2020 (10:00am - 12:00pm)	July 3, 2020 (10:00am - 11:30am)	July 10, 2020 (10:00am - 11:30am)	July 17, 2020 (10:00am - 11:30am)	July 24, 2020 (10:00am - 11:30am)	July 31, 2020 (10:00am - 11:30am)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Session 1: Laying the Context: Strengthening the Future-Readiness and Resilience of MSMEs in the Age of Disruptions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Session 2: Understanding Industry 4.0 for MSMEs</li> <li>• Session 3: Leveraging Smart Technologies for the Manufacturing Industry and MSMEs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Session 4: Leveraging Smart Technologies Across Industries and MSMEs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Session 5: Evaluating Industry Maturity/Readiness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Session 6: Maximizing SMART Technology for MSMEs Amidst Emergency Situations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Session 7: Building an Agile and Industry 4.0 Public Sector Organization</li> <li>• Webinar Closing</li> </ul>

Online promotional materials for DAP's Webinar Series on Industry 4.0 and Emerging Trends

## CONT. OF DAP'S WEBINAR SERIES ON INDUSTRY 4.0 AND EMERGING TRENDS

73. It's comprised of four program centers, namely Productivity and Development Center, Center for Organizational Development, Regional Operations, and Center for Governance. These centers operate to strengthen the capabilities and widen the capacity of public organizations by providing education on policy-making, research, communication, service, productivity, and other related matters.

Photos and Information Source:: Development Academy of the Philippines [Development Academy of the Philippines]. (2020, July 1). The COVID-19 Pandemic has provided more [...]. Retrieved from <https://www.facebook.com/dap.edu.ph/posts/3058701947540761>



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UNPAN is an international network linking national, regional, and international organizations and institutions across the globe to promote better public administration.

For more information about the network, visit [www.unpan.org](http://www.unpan.org).

## RELEASE OF PUBLICATION

### SOFT COPY OF LOCAL AUTONOMY COLLEGE'S COMPARATIVE STUDIES OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION VOL. 13 OUT NOW!

The Comparative Studies of Public Administration (CSPA) Vol. 13 is already available in soft copy! Interested individuals/groups may view and download it from Local Autonomy College's homepage.

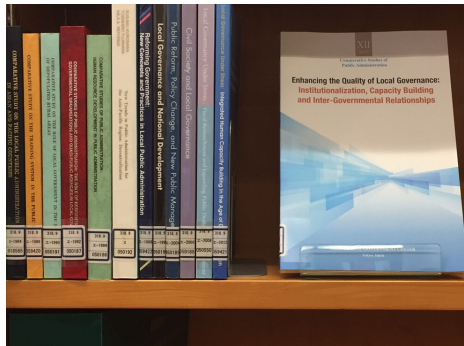
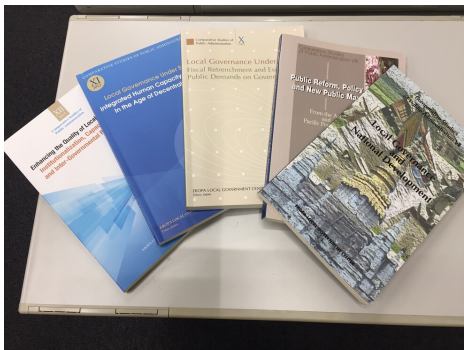
The CSPA is a compilation of comparative studies on local public administration (PA) written by researchers who are mainly from EROPA member countries and is published every two to three years.

The EROPA Local Government Center in the Local Autonomy College, Japan, has been publishing it since 1984. The goal of this publication is to promote comparative research on local PA in the Asia-Pacific region. CSPA Vol. 13 was edited by Dr. Akira Nakamura - Professor Emeritus of Public Administration at Meiji University and a long-time member of EROPA.

The main theme of the collected papers for this is "Local Governance in

the Age of Technological Transformation and Global Uncertainty". Its sub-themes are the following: Policy Innovation and Technological Development, Natural Disasters and Local/Regional Resilience and Public Service Deliveries and Utilization of Local Resources. The following articles are included in the publication:

- Preface (by LAC President Hiroshi Sasaki)



Photos of some of the past volumes and issues of Comparative Studies of Public Administration that the Local Autonomy College has published



Screenshot of the Local Autonomy College's webpage for Comparative Studies of Public Administration, Volume 13

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- Editorial Note (by Dr. Akira Nakamura, Japan)
- Local Governance in the Age of Technological Transformation and Global Uncertainty (by Dr. Alex B. Brillantes and Mr. Karl Emmanuel Ruiz, Philippines)
- Smart City, Technological Capacity, and Public Procurement (by Dr. Veiko Lember, Dr. Piret Tõnurist, and Dr. Rainer Katte, Estonia)
- Innovations in Managing Intractable Public Conflicts in South Korea: from Actioning to Deliberative Democracy (by Dr. Heungsuk Choi, South Korea)
- The New Media Landscape and the Challenges for Local Policy Communication in Vietnam (by Prof. Vu Thanh Van, Vietnam)
- 2015 Gorkha Earthquake, New Constitution and Local Resilience in Nepal (by Prof. Trilochan Pokharel and Prof. Achala Dahal, Nepal)
- Natural Disasters and Local Resilience: Analysis of Factors Affecting China's Community Resilience (by Dr. Guochun Wu, Yi Zheng, Zhihui Zhang, PR China)
- The National Government Bureaucracy and Local Government Reform in the Post-1997 Thailand (Dr. Achakorn Wongpreedee, Thailand)
- Quality Public Service through Collaborative Governance in the Philippines: Focus on Selected 2018 Galing Pook Awardees (by Dr. Maria Fe Villamejor Mendoza, Philippines)
- Can the Private Sector Improve Public Service Delivery? (Designated Management System) Library in Japan (by Dr. Matsunami Jun).

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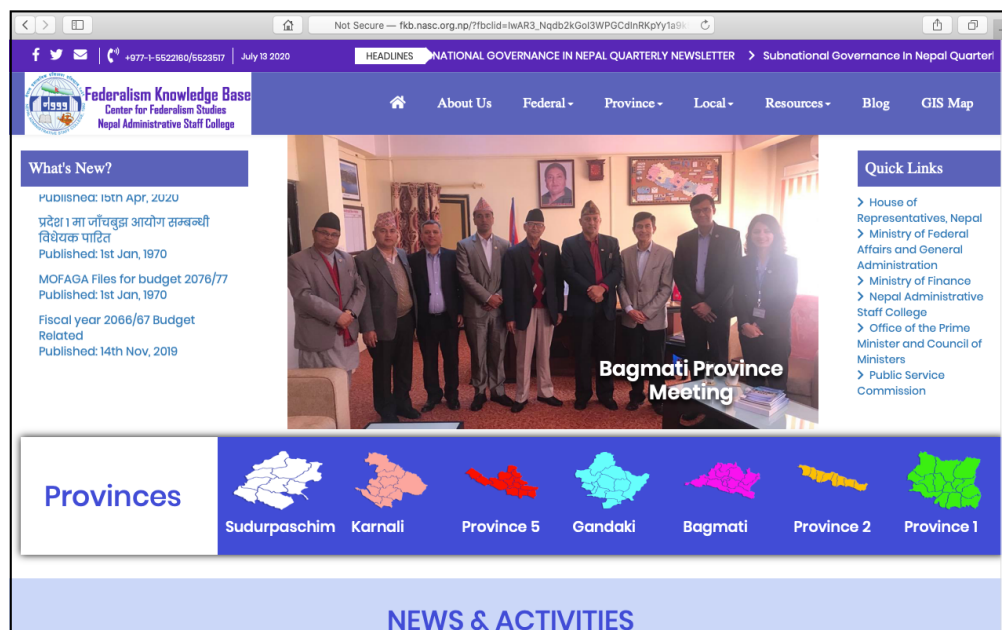
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## PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION DEVELOPMENTS



Screenshot of the Nepal Administrative Staff College's webpage for the Federalism Knowledge Base Website

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## NEPAL ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COLLEGE'S NEW WEBSITE FEDERALISM KNOWLEDGE BASE IS LIVE NOW

Nepal Administrative Staff College's (NASC) new website Federalism Knowledge Base is live now! This website was initiated by the Center for Federalism Studies (CFS) under NASC. It is meant to be serving as a consolidated and archival knowledge-base for easy navigation of students interested in the implementation of federalism. It contains the following:

- Archives of relevant knowledge resources on federalism
- Links to related websites of entities working on federalism-
- Resources on federalism

It also provides a platform for individuals/institutions to share knowledge product on the said matter for wider dissemination. The institution hopes for this to be a con-

tinuous effort - for it to be further enriched and updated with new and relevant content in the days to come.

The NASC is a national-level autonomous institution established on 27 September 1982. In order to support the government and other public entities in the implementation of federalism, the CFS was established in 2020; it is primarily mandated to conduct research on the area of federal affairs, design, and implementation of capacity development programs, etc. ■

Source: Nepal Administrative Staff College [Hello Nepal Administrative Staff College]. (2020, June 24) We are happy to announce [...]. Retrieved from <https://www.facebook.com/nascnepal/posts/1631215673694264>

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## HELP UPGRADE EROPA!

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The EROPA Secretariat is continuously looking for ways to improve its services and operations.

Your feedback helps us decide what kind of programs/activities to create and what improvements to prioritize among many other things.

To help make EROPA the best it can be, please feel free to voice out your thoughts, ideas, suggestions, etc. to [info@eropa.co](mailto:info@eropa.co).

Thank you!

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The front cover of ARPA Vol. 29, 2018 Issue - Nos. 1-2

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## JOURNAL - CALL FOR PAPERS

### **SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE ASIAN REVIEW OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (ARPA) ON *Public Administration in the time of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic***

It is apparent that the COVID-19 Pandemic is one of the greatest challenges in generations. As governments around the world take the lead in responding to, mitigating, and helping resolve the crisis, we are reminded of the fundamental importance of an effective state. Now, more than ever, countries need strong, agile and well-linked public administration – not only to respond to the pandemic, but also to continue routine and necessary state functions in rapidly shifting conditions while trying to contain socio-economic fallout.

One of the most needed and life-saving services during the pandemic is providing accurate and reliable information. As the world begins to cope with the pandemic, governments and/or the public will urgently need information from social science research. In view of this, the Asian Review of Public Administration (ARPA) Journal wishes to announce a **Special Call for Papers on Public Administration in the Time of the**

COVID-19 Pandemic.

For this special issue, we welcome manuscripts that address the following themes with regard to the public sector handling the COVID-19 situation:

- Ensuring public service delivery
- *Service before self*: Courage and humanness in practice
- Quick-thinking, creativity, and innovation
- Reliable information and awareness as a critical service
- Strategic thinking and planning amidst chaos
- Sustaining resilience and building a more effective and responsive public service
- Building and enhancing state legitimacy, government credibility, and people's trust
- Resource allocation and distributive accountability
- Collaborative and networked leadership
- Public health system: Agility and responsiveness to a pandemic
- Challenges of COVID-19 pandemic to leadership.

**CONT. OF THE SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE  
ASIAN REVIEW OF PUBLIC  
ADMINISTRATION (ARPA) ON *Public  
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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic***

This journal accepts original research articles, policy papers, and commentaries. Feel free to contact us for details. Submissions can be done via [publications@eropa.co](mailto:publications@eropa.co) or <https://journals.sfu.ca/arpa/index.php/arpa/user>.

The EROPA Secretariat would appreciate receiving your manuscripts on or before **1 October 2020**. For concerns or inquiries, please direct them to the EROPA Secretariat at [publications@eropa.co](mailto:publications@eropa.co). ■

## ABOUT

In an effort to improve the quality of the EROPA Bulletin, we are pleased to announce a CALL FOR INPUT for the October 2020 Issue (Vol. 41, 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, appointments, etc.);*
- *Newsletter of your institution\*;* and
- *Commentary on a Public Administration Issue or Matter\*\**

\* The following are exclusive to EROPA members.

\*\* The commentaries that will be submitted are subject to review and approval of the EROPA Secretariat.

## CALL FOR INPUT FOR THE OCTOBER 2020 ISSUE, VOL. 41, NO. 3 OF EROPA BULLETIN



**LET US CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO  
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KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE IN THE FIELD  
OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.**

*EROPA is a member of the United Nations Public Administration Network (UNPAN). All applicable submissions will also be considered for separate publishing to the UNPAN. In addition, the EROPA Bulletin will be uploaded to the UNPAN. Your contribution will be of great value – not only to EROPA's members and their networks – but also to the wider audience of the UNPAN.*

## GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION:

Kindly write a paragraph of the news or announcement that you would like to include in the EROPA Bulletin.

- *For News Articles - Maximum word count is 300 words; Include properly identified photographs (if applicable);*
- *For Commentaries - Maximum word count is 800 words; Include a short biographic sketch of the author to be included in the commentary (Maximum word count is 80 words);*
- *Events – Recently held events must include the fundamental message of said event; Include properly identified photographs (if applicable).*

Please send your contribution(s) to [publications@eropa.co](mailto:publications@eropa.co), no later than **30 SEPTEMBER 2020, WEDNESDAY** – for it to be considered for the next EROPA Bulletin. Contributors will be informed accordingly upon receipt and approval of contribution.



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## ABOUT EROPA

The Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration (EROPA) is an organization of states, groups and individuals in the general area of Asia and the Pacific. The Organization came into being in 1960, in response to a common desire among developing countries to promote regional cooperation in improving knowledge, systems and practices of government administration to help accelerate economic and social development. It was the first organization in the region to be devoted to the development of public administration in order to advance the economic and social development of countries in Asia and the Pacific. EROPA consists of state members in the region, institutions in the area such as institutes or schools of public administration, universities, agencies and municipal corporations and individuals whose achievements in the field of governance and public administration are recognized.

EROPA endeavors to achieve its objectives through regional conferences, seminars, training programs, and publications. Its activities are carried out through the EROPA headquarters in Manila, as well as through its five regional centers, namely the EROPA Development Management Center in Gyeonggi Province, Korea; the EROPA Local Government Center in Tokyo, Japan; the EROPA Training Center in New Delhi, India; the EROPA Human Resource Research Center in Beijing, China; and the EROPA Policy Studies Center in Jakarta, Indonesia. Activities of EROPA have been held in different parts of the region. Meetings, conferences and seminars have been conducted in Manila, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Bangkok, New Delhi, Seoul, Taipei, Tehran, Jakarta, Kathmandu, Kuala Lumpur, Beijing, Macau, Hanoi, Canberra, Samoa, Bandar Seri Begawan and many more.

As one of the leading organizations in the Asia-Pacific region, EROPA has been accredited by the United Nations Public Administration Network (UNPAN) as one of its Online Regional Centers (ORCs). As such, EROPA serves as one of UNPAN's contributors in the Asia-Pacific region in keeping an updated database of public administration developments.