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EROPA 2021 conference to focus on public governance in 'post-COVID 19 pandemic era'



Thailand's National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA), the 2021 conference host, announced the change in the conference theme to [“Public Governance for Inclusive Growth: Accountability, Engagement, and Digital Transformation in a Post-COVID 19 Pandemic Era.”](#)

The reworking of the theme reflects the world's current context and how public administration sustains operations in the three identified areas while mitigating the COVID-19 outbreak's impact.

The revised publicity materials (poster and aide memoire) will be released by the host institution soon. Please stay tuned for the updates on NIDA's official EROPA Conference [webpage](#). 🌐

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UN diamond anniversary emphasizes collective commitment to multilateralism

21 September 2020 — The United Nations (UN) marked its diamond anniversary via Zoom platform amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. *(Continued on next page)*



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(Continued from previous page) Its 75th year highlighted the political declaration “The future we want, the United Nations we need: reaffirming our collective commitment to multilateralism” which will be negotiated by the Member States through an intergovernmental process.

The usual gathering in the New York headquarters crowded by 2500 attendees has become an online event attended virtually. The activity began with the opening statements of the officials Volkan Bozkir, President of the General Assembly; António Guterres, Secretary-General; Ambassador Abdou Abarry, President, Security Council; Ambassador Munir Akram, President, Economic and Social Council and Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf, President, International Court of Justice.

The youth representatives Akosua Adubea Agyepong of Ghana, Sharifah Norizah of Malaysia, N. Charles Hamilton of The Bahamas, and Nathan Méténier of France also delivered their speeches that called for gender parity; youth inclusion in peace-building; greater urgency, increased action and broader intergenerational governance structures to support young people in the least privileged regions; and addressing climate change.

Following the opening plenary was the high-level adoption of the Declaration on the commemoration of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the United Nations. The document laid out the 12 commitments of the organization to continue to fulfill the vision of its founders: leave no one behind, protect the planet, promote peace, abide by international law, place women and girls at the center, build trust, improve digital cooperation, upgrade the UN, ensure sustainable financing, boost partnerships, work with youth, and, finally, be prepared.

It was followed by the statements from 122 Heads of State and Government, as well as ministers and senior officials representing their countries or group of countries. Most of the representatives shared their nation’s participation to the UN and lauded the significance of UN in promoting global peace and development despite the challenges and failures.

The annual gathering continues to fortify the majority of the world’s desire to foster ties and work together at all levels towards the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

“No one wants a world government, but we must work together to improve world governance,” said Secretary-General António Guterres.





World Health Organization

COVID-19 AWARENESS

For valuable information, updates, and developments about the Coronavirus 19 pandemic, the EROPA recommends visiting the dedicated WHO [website](#).

Stay safe and healthy!





Photo courtesy of LAN

Dr. Adi Suryanto, M.Sci., Head of Indonesia's National Institute of Public Administration (locally known as Lembaga Administrasi Negara or LAN), received an Honorary Citizen Award from the State Intelligence Agency (locally known as Badan Intelijan Negara or BIN) last 9 September 2020.

The top official of BIN, General Police (P.) Prof. Dr. Budi Gunawan, SH. M.Sc., personally bequeathed the award to Dr. Suryanto at the State Intelligence College (Sekolah Tinggi Intelijen Negara or STIN), Bogor, West Java.

The activity was held during the Inauguration of the Improvement of the STIN Statute and the Inauguration of the Bung Karno Statue (STIN Inspirator). Honorable guests such as Mrs. Puan Maharani of the Bung Karno Family and Minister of State Apparatus Empowerment and Bureaucratic Reform, Tjahjo Kumolo, SH attended the event.

Dr. Suryanto has a record of professional experience in various aspects of state administration and policies ranging from education and training for apparatus, government planning, performance management. Upon heading the LAN, he pushed for the modernization of business processes by strengthening its e-Gov or electronic government capabilities. The information and communication technology allowed the institution to deliver more efficient internal and external services.

LAN has been EROPA's Policy Studies Center since 1985. 🌐

NHI delivers online synchronous classes amid COVID-19

The National Human Resources Development Institute (NHI), under the Ministry of Personnel Management of the Republic of Korea, shifted to digital means of delivering classes to its trainees in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In January 2020, the NHI prepared their plans for the continuity of operations and implemented it in February 2020.

Part of the preparations included identifying the training programs that could be done online, planning the delivery of training through real-time and e-learning modes, amendment of training contents and evaluation method to tailor-fit the new mode of learning, informing both lectures and trainees of the transition, and setting up of online platforms, devices, and personnel for synchronous online classes.



Photo courtesy of NHI

The NHI gave guidance to both lecturers and trainees to familiarize them with the new learning environment. They distributed user manuals on different operating systems (Windows, Mac OS, iOS, and Android) and conducted pilot-testing with the participants five days before the training program.

In case of emergency, the NHI also trained its training administration personnel to substitute absentee lecturers due to sickness or other reasons. At least 50% of the staff were trained to manage the platform to provide seamless services.

The Institute also guaranteed that health and safety measures were established to prevent the outbreak by prescribing new-normal work arrangements. (Continued on next page)



Photo courtesy of NHI

by having weekly contingency meetings between the NHI president, the Director Generals, and the Division Directors. The meetings allow the NHI to make necessary adjustments and decisions based on reported developments.

According to the mandated guidelines, confirmed COVID-19 cases are required to go to the hospital. Employees who had direct contact with the patients should undergo a two-week home quarantine. The concerned supervisor or the Division Director should check the subordinates' daily health condition and warrant that resources are mobilized when positive cases arise.

The NHI is a state member of the EROPA and serves as the Development Management Center. Since its inception in 1985, the NHI has 5,430 alumni members from 147 countries. 🌍

#GovInTheTimeOfCorona asks, 'What did the government do to save your life?'

As part of the Eastern Regional Organization on Public Administration's #ThinkingAboutGovernance (#TAG) Dialogue project, the Secretariat launched the "#GovInTheTimeOfCorona (Governance in the Time of Coronavirus Disease - 19).



From the EROPA Facebook and Twitter accounts

A wordplay on the influential novel "Love in the Time of Cholera" by Nobel-prize winner Gabriel Garcia Marquez about a love set against the backdrop of civil wars and cholera epidemics, #GovInTheTimeOfCorona seeks to explore how governance and public administration plays out in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic.

#GovInTheTimeOfCorona is a series of thought-provoking posts that encourage people to observe, reflect, and take part in a dialogue about the performance of their public officials. It invites feedback of constituents to the policies enforced by the government to safeguard the health and welfare of the citizens, minimize the economic impact, and pave recovery from the pandemic. Through reactions, comments, or tweets, EROPA opens the discourse to the general public. (Continued on next page)

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Fifty percent of the staff work remotely while the rest report to the office and are required to undergo body temperature checks twice a day, ensure social distancing of two meters apart, and observe flexible office hours to avoid crowded public transportation. Online meetings and written reports replaced face-to-face assemblies. Domestic and international business trips were also prohibited. Under inevitable scenarios, however, the number of the delegation would be limited.

The management continually monitors and improves the operations

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Join the conversation by following @EROPA1960 and checking the hashtag #GovInTheTimeOfCorona on Facebook and Twitter! 🇵🇭



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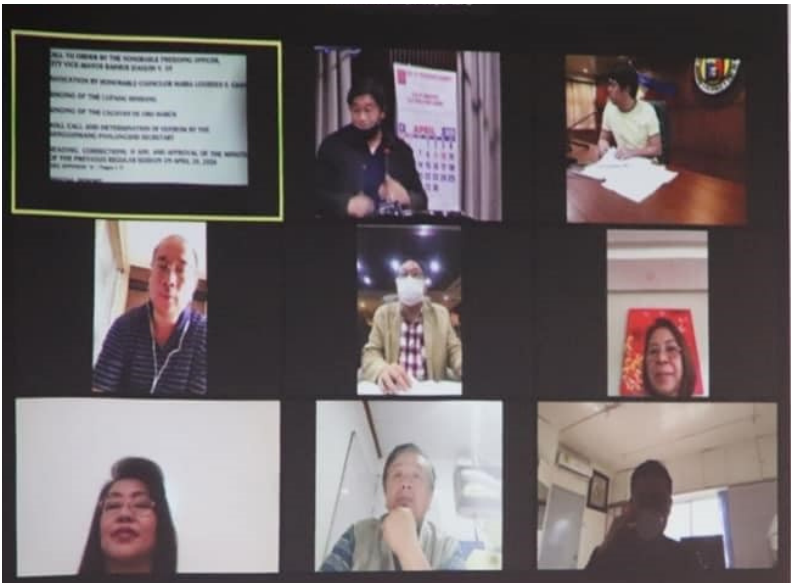
Such is the case for the legislators of Cagayan De Oro City, Philippines.

Last 23 March 2020, the Sangguniang Panlungsod (City Council) of Cagayan De Oro, headed by Vice Mayor Rainier Joaquin V. Uy, unanimously passed RN. 13574-2020, which is known as the “19th City Council House Rules,” to add a provision governing the conduct of sessions during public health emergencies like epidemics and pandemics using video conferencing. It is an innovation that serves as an alternative to the traditional in-person council meetings in the session hall.



Public service must go on: Cagayan De Oro City Council adapts to COVID, shifts to online sessions

Article and photos by Raul G Moldez, Ph.D.



Online session screenshot

Councilor Ian Mark Nacaya, Chair of the Committee on Laws and Rules, proposed the use of web conferencing because of the COVID-19 pandemic. He said that the legislative body could immediately act on urgent matters and undertake legislative tasks remotely through technology.

The city’s legislature held its first-ever regular session via Zoom last 30 March, and the CdE City Council Official Facebook page hosted its live stream, making the session accessible to the Cagayanons.

Amidst the rapid changes in the norm, the public sector has learned to adapt to provide essential services to their constituents via the internet, including the enactment of timely and relevant ordinances and resolutions. 🇵🇭

NASC opens management and development course for NWSC officers

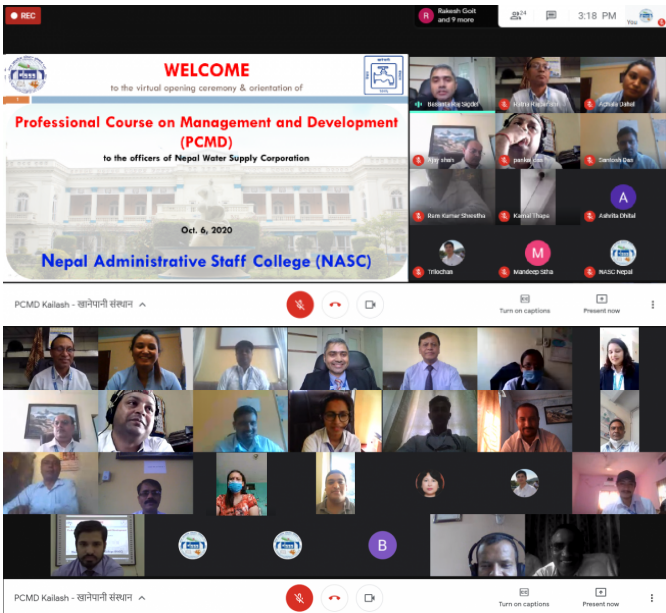
The National Administrative Staff College (NASC) has begun its online Professional Course on Management and Development (PCMD) for Nepal Water Supply Corporation (NWSC) officers last 20 Ashwin 2077 (6 October 2020).

Deputy Executive Director, Senior Director, and Department Head of Public Service Training Department Narayan Gopal Malego opened the session inauguration and technical orientation, with the saying, "Learning never stops and it is a continuous process."

Director of Studies and Center Chief of the Centre for In-Service Training Basanta Raj Sigdel introduced the course. At the same time, Director of Studies Achala Dahal explained the evaluation criteria and the guidelines during the training session. Meanwhile, Sushil Thapa and Bipin Ojha of the Centre for Knowledge Management and Information Technology led the technical orientation session.

The program is specifically designed to enhance the professional and individual skills of the trainees. Chandni Kayastha and Bipin Ojha coordinate the training for 17 NWSC staff from different branches. PCMD ends on 22 Mangsir 2077 (7 December 2020).

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, NASC has instituted measures to conduct its training programs on virtual platforms to ensure all participants' safety. 🤝



Event screenshots courtesy of NASC

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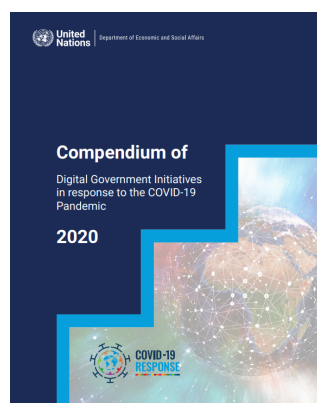
The EROPA Secretariat is continuously looking for ways to improve its services and operations.

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To help make EROPA the best it can be, please feel free to let us know your thoughts, ideas, suggestions, etc. to info@eropa.co.

Thank you!

UN DESA launches compendium of Member States' digital efforts to address COVID-19



The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), through its division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG), released the Compendium of Digital Government Initiatives in response to the COVID-19 pandemic last 6 October 2020.

According to UN DESA, the said effort aims to capture emerging trends in UN Member States' digital approach to the COVID-19 pandemic and provide a preliminary analysis of their main features. The compendium also intends to encourage knowledge exchange and collaboration between countries.

The Member States submitted their respective initiatives to the UN in response to a call for inputs from April to May 2020.

The compilation documented the endeavors according to significant categories of action areas such as information sharing, e-participation, e-health, e-business, contact tracing, social distancing and virus tracking, working and learning from home, digital policy, and partnerships.

This project is part of the UN DESA's mandates, as it compiles, generates, and analyzes a wide range of economic, social, and environmental data and information on which the UN members draw to review common problems and take stock of policy options. The COVID-19 problem has since emphasized the importance of every nation's ICT resource utilization to create and facilitate solutions.

The compendium is available for access [here](#). 🌐

'The future is here' – OECD shares insights on leadership, public service landscape before and during the COVID-19 crisis



The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) held a joint online discussion between the Network of Schools of Government (NSG) and the Public Employment and Management (PEM) Working Party on "Public Service Leadership" last 30 September 2020. The EROPA Secretariat was among the invited participants from different countries.

The videoconference began with welcome remarks by OECD officials – Jón Blöndal, Head of Public Management and Budgeting, Directorate for Public Governance; Simon Claydon, Director of Policy, Inclusion and Rewards, UK Revenue and Customs, and Chair of the OECD's Public Employment and Management Working Party; and Geert Bouckaert, Professor at KU Leuven and Chair of the OECD's Network of Schools of Government.

The highlight of the activity was sharing the OECD's [working paper on "Leadership for a High Performing Civil Service"](#) drafted by Daniel Gerson, Head of the Public Employment and Management Team. Gerson presented the insights gathered in nine case studies that explored leadership capabilities necessary to respond to complex policy challenges and the policies, processes, and tools needed to develop these capabilities and support senior civil servants (SCS) in using them. Ten OECD countries participated in the research, namely Finland, Ireland, France, Australia, Canada, Israel, Netherlands, Estonia, and South Korea, before the COVID-19 pandemic. He discussed the four leadership capabilities – value-based leadership, open inclusion, organizational stewardship, *(Continued on next page)*

(Continued from previous page) and networked collaboration. Gerson also shared the environmental factors that affect leadership at the senior level: objectives, autonomy and accountability; learning opportunity and support; management tools; and political administration interface.

The working paper offered recommendations in getting capable individuals to join the civil service, such as identifying the capabilities needed for the positions to ensure that the candidate and the job are tailor-fit, pipelining development for the readiness of the pool of potential candidates, and making tools available for all to promote diversity of people and backgrounds in the senior civil service as a whole. However, challenges still exist in the form of environmental constraints but can be overcome by ensuring that good leaders, once in place, have the autonomy, tools, support, and accountability.

In line with leadership, Ken Smith, Chief Executive Officer and Dean of Australia New Zealand School of Government, shared their independent review of the Australian and New Zealand public service in 2019. Limback-Pirn, Top Civil Service Excellent Centre – Estonia, talked about five steps to Systematic Leadership Development. Lastly, Jean-Francois Fleury, Assistant Deputy Minister, Office of the Chief HR Officer – Canada, called for a diverse, inclusive, digital, and agile SCS, especially in a crisis like COVID-19. He noted that honesty and empathy make authentic communication now that the future is here with the paradigm shift on how we think of the workforce, workplace, and work.

The online activity was attended by over 100 participants that belong to the OECD NSG and PEM networks across the globe. EROPA was invited to the event as part of the NSG. 🌐

UIA's 8th Asia-Pacific Round Table 2020 goes virtual

The Union of International Associations (UIA) conducted its first virtual Asia Pacific Round Table last 17 to 18 September 2020. Initially set in South Korea's capital before the COVID-19 outbreak, the Seoul Tourism Office (STO) shifted platforms and proceeded with the activity in "Virtual Seoul". Virtual Seoul ena-

bled participants to join discussions, network with other attendees, and explore the city—like the customary conference experience—while on computers and mobile devices.

As the pandemic shifted most of the association activities to digital, the UIA, in partnership with STO, revolutionized traditional in-house conferences in the time of travel restrictions and social distancing rules. The event website's interactive and gamified interface provided a unique experience to first-time virtual round table goers.

The two-day event featured talks from association experts in the region who shared their experiences and good practices to participants worldwide.



Photo courtesy of UIA

These are conducted in the Conference Hall (Changdeokgung Palace) and Workshop Rooms (Some Sevit). Meanwhile, the Theater (Dongdaemun Design Plaza), Lounge (Seoul Botanical Park), and Seoul Booth (N Seoul Tower) remained open to serve as visual treats to attendees waiting in between discussions.

On the first day, Ryan Brubaker of UIA gave a walkthrough on the UIA's background and delved on the Yearbook of International Organizations and International Congress Calendar. UIA President Cyril Ritchie delivered his keynote message for the first round table, highlighting the UN's 75th anniversary and why it matters to associations such as non-government organizations, civil society, volunteer agencies, thinktanks, or extra-governmental organizations. The heads of the host, Jaesun Rhee, President of STO, and Yongtea Joo, Director-General of Tourism and Sports, Seoul Metropolitan Government, welcomed everyone to Virtual Seoul.

For the second round table session, John Peacock of Associations Forum talked about (Continued on Page 10)

Call for Papers: Asian Review of Public Administration COVID-19 Special Issue

The Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic proved to be one of, if not the most, devastating global phenomena since World War II. As governments worldwide take the lead in responding to, mitigating, and resolving the crisis, everyone is reminded of the fundamental importance of effective, efficient, economical, and ethical public administration.

The challenge to overcome COVID-19 has revealed the strong and vulnerable sides of public service delivery across countries. The demand for better solutions to arising issues in this highly volatile situation has risen, too. Hence, scholars and practitioners need to come in to provide accurate and reliable information, offer valuable insights, and share good practices as part of knowledge exchange in this time of global crisis.

The EROPA, through its official publication Asian Review of Public Administration (ARPA), would like to announce a Special Call for Papers on Public Administration in the Time of COVID-19 Pandemic.

The topics that will be considered in the special issue are the following, among others:

- Ensuring public service delivery in the time of COVID-19 pandemic;
- Analysis of government responses to the pandemic;
- Service before self: Courage and humanness in practice;
- Quick-thinking, creativity, resourcefulness, and innovation;
- Reliable information and awareness as a critical service;
- Importance of data management in government response;
- 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;
- Inter-country collaboration and networked leadership;
- Public health system: Agility and responsiveness to a pandemic; and
- Government communication and advocacy strategies

We welcome submissions of original articles, policy papers, and commentaries on any of the above areas via publications@eropa.co or through the [ARPA website](#). For inquiries and clarifications, feel free to send us an email.

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**ARPA VOLUME 30
will be out soon.**

The journal's publication was delayed due to the issues posed by COVID-19. It is currently being finalized for printing. Rest assured that everyone will be notified immediately upon its release.

Thank you for your patience and understanding!

ABOUT (from page 8) “Why All Associations Need Good Structure, Governance, and Plans” for a refresher on the fundamentals of organizations. Dr. Christie Chang, Past President of Sakyadhita International Association of Buddhist Women, tackled “Looking for and Negotiating a Destination for an Association Event”, sharing how the network built during international gatherings allowed her organization to find a host for its annual convention. Lastly, Octavio B Peralta, Secretary-General of Asia-Pacific Federation of Association Organizations (APFAO) and Secretary-General of Association of Development Financing Institutions in Asia and the Pacific (ADFIAP) discussed “Association Business Model Innovation” with the COVID-19 pandemic as context. Breakout group discussions followed each session. This fostered intimacy between the resource persons and the participants as they encouraged interactions by soliciting questions, opinions, and personal experiences on the topics discussed.

On the last day of the event, case studies were presented. Dr. Wai Yie Leong, Member of the Board of Directors, International Network of Women Engineers and Scientists, spoke about “Measuring the Impact Your Association Has on the Community”. Zar Gomez, the Regional Coordinator of Caritas Asia, shared their association’s involvement in “Mobilizing Resources from within and from Outside a Federation”. Finally, Mr. Ryan Brubaker, Web Designer of the UIA, shared “Achieving Goals, Finding Partners: UIA’s Global Civil Society Database”.

Peralta delivered the closing keynote message titled “Purposeful Associations”. Drawing from Simon Sinek’s “Start with Why” and American Society of Association Executives’ “Seven Measures of Remarkable Associations”, he emphasized the importance of defining the core reason for an association’s existence – its purpose – and how it grounds the organization and drives its growth.

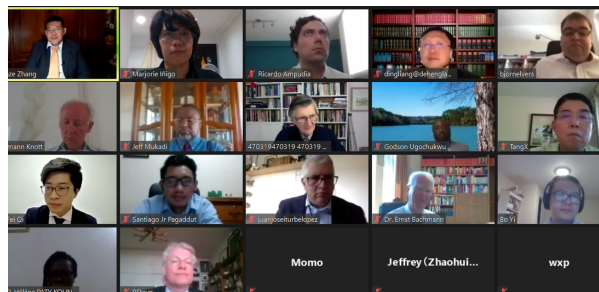
The 8th Asia Pacific Round Table concluded after the panel discussion with all speakers. It was joined by 131 people representing 86 organizations, associations, and offices. For more information about UIA’s past, present, and future round table activities, visit <https://uia.org/roundtable>.

EROPA is a member of the UIA. 🌐

SCLA holds seventh global leaders’ forum online; focuses on cross-border regulation

The Swiss Chinese Law Association (SCLA), an international not-for-profit lawyer organization based in Switzerland, conducted its 7th Global Online Forum entitled “Cross-Border Regulation Global Leaders’ Forum: Will there be a bright future ahead?” last 31 July 2020. EROPA members were invited to attend the event with discounted rates as a measure of the organization’s goodwill.

Law experts and practitioners from China, the United States of America (USA), South Africa, and Switzerland shared their insights on the shifts in the world regulatory environment vis-à-vis the highly volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.



Screenshot from the Zoom event

The event started with SCLA Committee Member Tianze Zhang’s welcome remarks and a brief introduction of the organization. The presentations of the resource speakers followed soon after. The roster of speakers include Counsellor Xiaobing Tang, World Trade Organization (WTO) Senior Counsellor; Ricardo Ampudia, Partner at Shook, Hardy & Bacon (USA); Pieter Steyn, Director of Werksmans (South Africa) and Chairman of LEX Africa; Ding Liang, Head of Antitrust and Competition Practice at Deheng Law Offices (China); Professor Patrick Krauskopf, Chairman of AGON Partners and head of the Center for Competition Law at the Zurich University; and Bo Yi, Associate Professor at Southeast University.

The SCLA conducts online forums about a variety of relevant legal topics every month. For more information, visit <https://cnscla.org>. 🌐

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Call for Input for the January 2021 Issue, Vol. 42, No. 1 of EROPA Bulletin



Cover Pages of the Last 2 Published Issues of the EROPA Bulletin

ABOUT

In an effort to improve the quality and diversify the contents of the EROPA Bulletin, we are pleased to announce a CALL FOR INPUT for the January 2021 Issue (Vol. 42, No. 1). 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**

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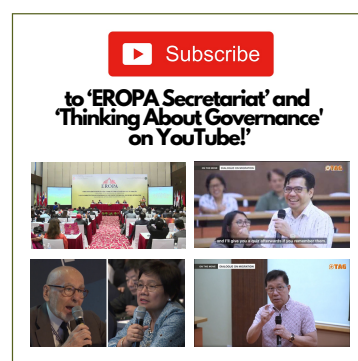
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