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Malaysia To Rejoin EROPA as State Member



Public Service Department of Malaysia

Source: <https://www.humanresourcesonline.net/malaysia-s-public-service-department-aims-to-fill-40-729-positions-across-ministries-departments-and-agencies>

In line with the thrusts of in expanding the organization's network, EROPA is very pleased to share with you that **Malaysia recently re-applied as a State Member.**

Malaysia is one of the pioneer state members of EROPA from 1966 to 2006. As a matter of fact, Malaysia, together with the Kingdom of Thailand, were the organizers of the first EROPA conference back in 1968. Two more EROPA conferences were then organized by Malaysia in 1990 and 1997.

Indeed, having Malaysia back in EROPA as State Member will be very essential in strengthening the presence of EROPA in the region specifically Southeast Asia. The EROPA Community welcomes back Malaysia with the warmest heart and is very excited for the future collaboration that awaits! 🌟

Full Speed Preparations for the 2022 EROPA Conference

The 2022 EROPA Conference with this year's theme **"Governance and Public Administration in COVID-19 Pandemic: Learning, Innovations, and Reforms in Managing Global Changes,"** has prepared various plenary sessions and have invited esteemed speakers from all over the world.

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The conference will have plenary sessions focusing on futures of civil service, managing pandemic under a federal government system, reforms in government, local governance and leadership, governance and competition, directions of public administration schools, and digital transformation.

The conference has likewise invited almost 40 speakers from 17 countries namely: China, Costa Rica, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mexico, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, Switzerland, South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, United States, and United Kingdom. This year will also provide an avenue for more than 100 research papers to be presented in the 20 simultaneous panel sessions for the two-day conference. Registration details can be viewed in page 7. 🌐



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Plenary Sessions



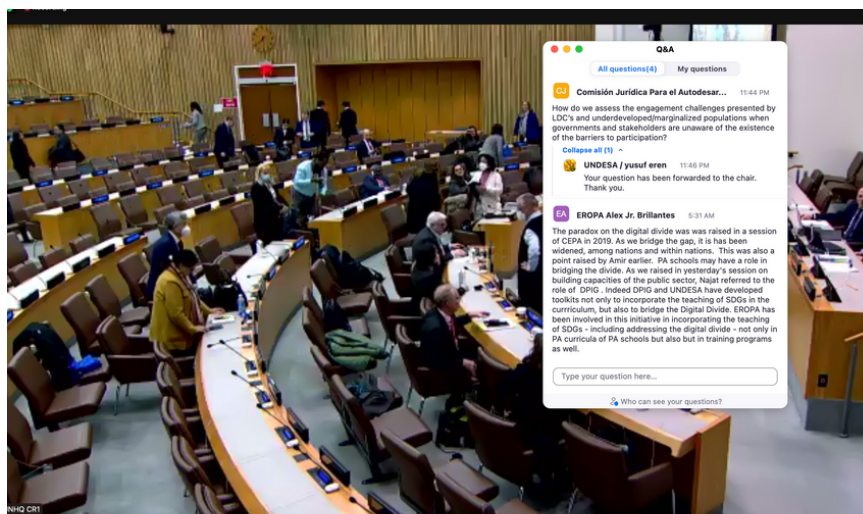
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April 4-8, 2022 – The United Nations Committee of Experts of Public Administration (UN CEPA) recently held its 21st Committee Session on a hybrid set-up at the UN Headquarters in New York and at Zoom Video Communications. The EROPA Secretariat was part of the official participants of the Committee Session as Observer Institution.

The five-day session with the theme, ***Transforming Institutions and Governance to Build Forward Better Towards 2030*** discussed pressing issues on: 1) Building strong institutions to

combat climate change and its impacts and for the sustainable management, protection and restoration of natural resources; 2) Issues of governance and institution-building in conflict-affected countries; 3) Application of the principles of effective governance for sustainable development at the subnational level; 4) Issues in public financial management and budgeting for the SDGs; 5) Dialogue with voluntary national review countries and voluntary local review cities on institutional aspects of SDG 16; and 6) Issues in digital government.

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Photo courtesy of the UN CEPA official website

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Other Observer Institutions like EROPA was likewise given an opportunity to interact with the CEPA members through Zoom chat where you can cue in your insights and questions to the Committee. Selected Observers were also given the avenue to provide their thoughts on the mentioned theme of the session.

A copy of the official report of the 21st Committee Session of UN CEPA can be viewed through this link, <https://publicadministration.un.org/en/CEPA/21st-Session>



United Nations

Committee of Experts on Public Administration

Report on the twenty-first session
(4–8 April 2022)

Economic and Social Council
Official Records, 2022
Supplement No. 24

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EROPA Co-organizes with Kasetsart University, Thailand – Sustainable Development, Social Sciences, and Public Administration: Old Wine in New Bottles?

The Kasetsart University successfully organized its 2022 Conference, in partnership with EROPA, on the Roles of Social Sciences in Sustainability Transformation in the Global South. The Kasetsart University also invited Dr. Mechai Viravaidya, former member of the Senate in Thailand who promoted condoms, family planning and AIDS awareness in country, as one of its keynote speakers. At this conference, plenary speakers gave a cursory review of sustainable development since the 20th century. Afterward, they tackled the role of social sciences in addressing development challenges and how to make them tenable in the long term. In the realm of public administration, it is about governance where the government, civil society, businesses, and the citizenry collaborate to solve collective problems.

Village family planning volunteer

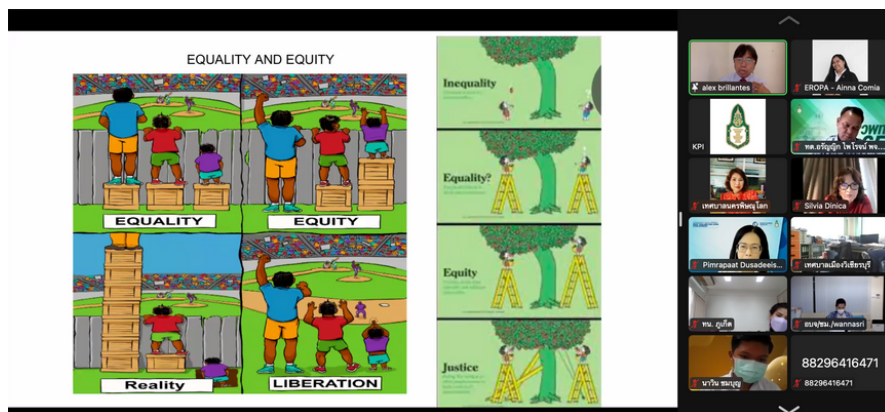
Eventually, 100% of villages covered

Understanding Public Administration through 5Es and an A
Brillantes, Alex, and Maria Pilar Lorenzo. 2021. "Philippine Public Administration : 5 Es and an A." In *Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance*, ed by: Ali Farazmand. Cham: Springer.
doi:10.1007/978-3-319-31816-5_4134-1.

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The Global South, while lacking the technological expertise and industrial capacity of the developed world, has exerted significant efforts in mitigating global problems. Initiatives such as joint capacity building, environmental protection, digital governance, food security, women empowerment, and the like can help ensure that meaningful progress will be made and not at the expense of the natural environment. The presentations also highlighted that corporate social responsibility and multilateralism are among the best solutions we may have in the face of multi-pronged problems that roam this world. International cooperation, political will, localized responses, and people's participation are imperative if we have a fighting chance to solve global challenges. To borrow a statement from Harari, just as the ancient people of Egypt came together to harness the power of the Nile River, the world community must do it again in the face of existential threats in this age.

EROPA Participates in Webinar on Reducing Education Inequality Organized by KPI Thailand



May 26, 2022 – The King Prajadhipok's Institute in Thailand successfully organized a webinar on the **Exchange with Local Administration Model in Managing Education to Reduce Education Inequality** where EROPA participated as one of its plenary speakers.

Sources: Achieve Brown County <https://achievebrowncounty.org/2021/05/defining-equity-equality-and-justice/>
Interaction Institute for Social Change (Artist: Angus Maguire) <https://interactioninstitute.org/illustrating-equality-vs-equity/>

In his presentation on the Practices in Addressing Higher Education Inequity in the Philippines, Dr. Brillantes, Jr. provided a glimpse of the context of Philippine higher education institution in terms of its legal support per the Constitution and its standing with other HEIs in the region. He then presented efforts of the government and State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) in the Philippines such as the University of the Philippines in addressing education inequality. These include the University of the Philippines Socialized Tuition Fee System and the recently enacted Republic Act No. 10931 or the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act (2015). He also emphasized that the government and HEIs should always be reminded of the discussion on access vs. quality of higher education in the Philippines. 🌟

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EROPA Meets with American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)

June 3, 2022 - EROPA met with the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) through its Executive Director Dr. William P. Shields, Jr. to forge possible collaborations with the esteemed organization. Initial agreements include the participation of ASPA in the 2022 EROPA Conference. Dr. Shields, Jr. will be one of the plenary speakers on the Plenary on Local Governance and Leadership along with speakers from Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam.



ASPA likewise agreed to submit manuscript to the Asian Review for Public Administration (ARPA) journal of EROPA focusing on the COVID-19 pandemic response of the United States of America. ASPA continues to be one of the very relevant and prestigious organization that caters both practitioners and academicians in the field of public administration. This partnership will indeed benefit EROPA in terms of learning strategies to better engage its members and expand its network in the Asia Pacific region. 🌟



American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) (<https://www.aspanet.org>) is the largest and most prominent broadly based professional association in American public administration. It has a diverse membership of approximately 8,000 practitioners, academicians and students. ASPA serves as the principal arena for linking theory and practice within the field of public administration.

Chandler Academy of Governance - EROPA Collaboration



May 30, 2022 - The EROPA Secretariat conducted the meeting with the Chandler Institute of Governance (CIG), through its Chandler Academy of Governance (CAG), to discuss possible areas for partnership of the two institutions. Present in the meeting were Mr. Kenneth Sim, Dean of the CAG, Ms. Victoria Giaeuer-Enger, Mr. Akshat Garg, Ms. Nicole Seh, and Ms. Audrey Chan.

The meeting initiated plans for collaborations with CAG including among others the conduct of the Global Survey on Public Sector specifically the National Government Training Institutions (NGTIs). The partnership includes consultation on the survey tool as well as dissemination of the online survey to the EROPA Group Members that qualifies as NGTIs. The global survey seeks to better understand the challenges and opportunities that NGTIs face in delivering high-quality and practitioner-oriented training to support public sector capability development. It aims to provide a resource for NGTI leaders to benchmark their work with a global community of peer institutions, and potentially seed collaborations internationally. **The survey can be viewed and accomplished through this link, <https://survey.sogosurvey.com/r/CAGStudy>** 🌐

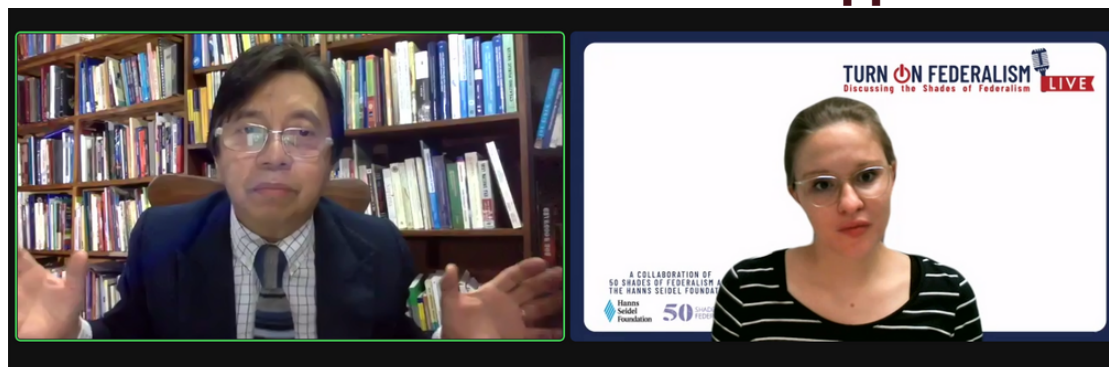


Chandler Institute of Governance (<https://www.chandlerinstitute.org>), is a non-profit and non-governmental organization based in Singapore. Chandler Academy of Governance is the training arm of CIG that supports governments globally in the design and delivery of training for public sector leaders.

CIG recently launched its **2022 Chandler Good Government Index (CGGI) Report** which is an annual Index, built by government practitioners, for government practitioners, measuring the capabilities and effectiveness of 104 governments around the world.

Details of the Chandler Good Government Index (CGGI) can be viewed in this link, <https://chandlergovernmentindex.com>

EROPA in TURN ON FEDERALISM Series of 50 Shades of Federalism and Hanns Seidel Foundation – To Go Federal or Not? Federalism Discourses in the Philippines



The discussions of federalism in the Philippines are not new. This was the main point raised by Dr. Brillantes, Jr. in the forum organized by the 50 Shades of Federalism and Hanns Seidel Foundation. Devolution and decentralization initiatives have been present long before the implementation of the Local Government Code in 1991. Laws such as the Republic Act 2370, 3950 (Barrio Charter Act), Republic Act 5185 (Decentralization Act of 1967), and the Batas Pambansa Bilang 337 (National Law No. 337 or the Local Government Act of 1983), to name a few. The country's decades-long decentralization experiences are valuable once the country decides on a federal shift. There was a cursory review of prominent Filipinos that contributed to federalism debates. Several issues were discussed, including the national government's centralist tendencies, elite capture, politico-administrative structures, absorptive capacities, and more.

The Philippines must build upon previous decentralization efforts, learn from other countries, especially federations, and take a deep, objective introspection before institutionalizing a federal government. To be successful, various countries contemplating federalism must chart their own federal model, suited to their political, social, and historical context. Ultimately, federalism is not an end in itself but a means to empower subnational governments and people's participation and enhance inclusive development.

The Hanns Seidel Foundation-Philippines, together with the Pimentel Institute of Leadership and Governance, will co-organize a plenary session on managing the pandemic under a federal form of government in the 2022 EROPA Conference. 🗣️

SANPA WEBINAR 2022: I

TOPIC: STRATEGIES FOR GOVERNING: REINVENTING PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION FOR A DANGEROUS CENTURY

KEYNOTE
SPEAKER



Dr. Alasdair Roberts
Professor and Director
School of Public Policy
University of
Massachusetts Amherst

WEBINAR
CHAIR

Professor Habib
Zafarullah
Chairperson, SANPA



Date: 7 May 2022
Time: 7.00 am EDT

You are cordially requested to join. Please circulate the message across your intellectual community.

Contact:
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SANPA-EROPA Co-Organize Webinar on Strategies to Reinvent Public Administration

The South Asian Network for Public Administration (SANPA) hosted its first webinar of 2022 on 7 May 2022. Professor Alasdair Roberts from the University of Massachusetts Amherst was the keynote speaker on Strategies for Governing: Reinventing Public Administration for a Dangerous Century. It was based on his book of the same title. The webinar also featured presentations from the plenary speakers namely: Professor Ahmed Shafiqul Huque of McMaster University, Professor Catherine Althaus of ANZSOG, and Professor Jon Pierre of the University of Gothenburg. SANPA Chairperson Professor Habib Zafarullah moderated the event, and Dr. Aly Shameem, SANPA EC Member, offered a speech of gratitude. Dozens of public administration experts and practitioners from various parts of the world attended the webinar. 🗣️

2022 EROPA CONFERENCE

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Foreign Participants	US\$ 28.00	Bank Name: Philippine National Bank Account Name: Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration Account Number: 108-660-006-278 Swift Code: PNBMPHMM
Filipino Participants	Php 1,020.00	Bank Name: Philippine National Bank Account Name: Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration Account Number: 108-670-002-165

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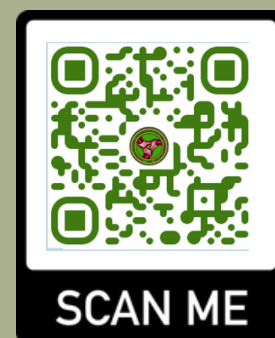
- 1.) Conference fee is inclusive of bank charges.
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For those interested to join the **2022 EROPA Conference**, please register through this link.

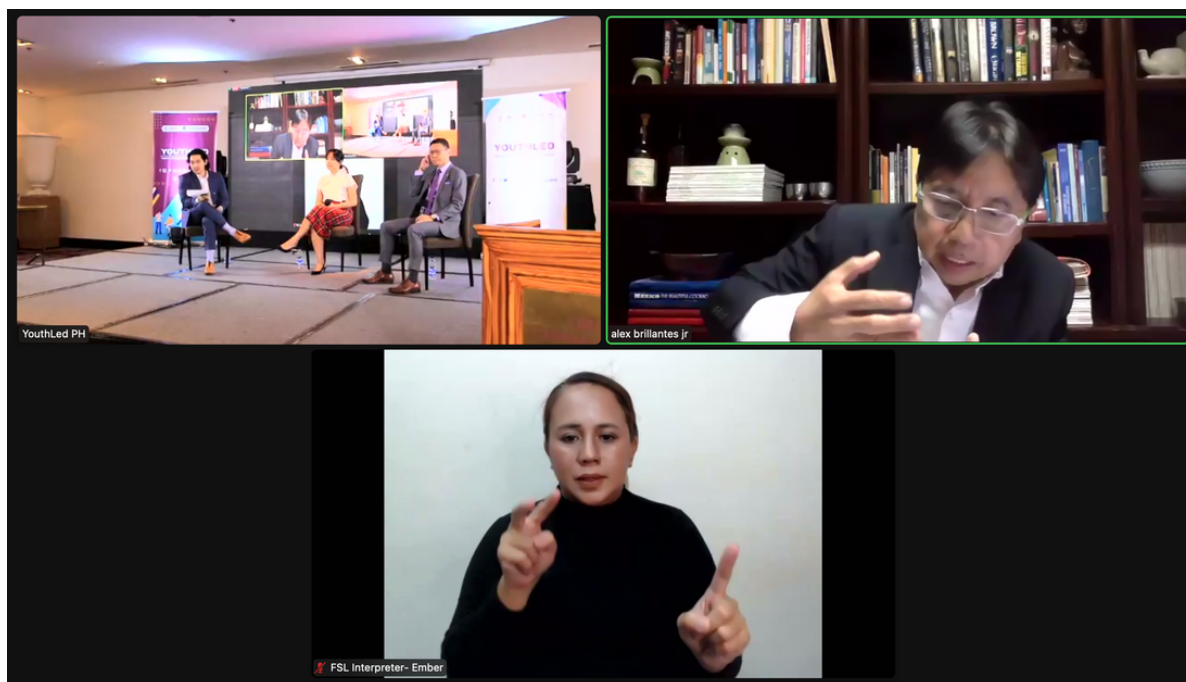
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The Youth as the Torchbearers of the Future: YouthLED Civic Education Summit



The Civic Education Summit is a YOUTHLED (Youth Leadership for Democracy) activity that aims to uphold excellence in discourses regarding civic education. It was a productive forum where well-known pundits candidly shared their experiences and views on the state of civic education. It was graced by distinguished representatives from civil society, academe, and youth-led organizations.

Dr. Brillantes, Jr., who served as one of the plenary speakers last June 3, 2022, remarked that “we have to demand accountability from those who lead us... Civic education is about participation, accountability, and, very importantly, critical thinking. Do not just accept things as they are, especially in this day and age of social media. Always validate. Always question.” Look at the question behind the question.” Always dare to question authority. 🌱

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United Nations' Curriculum on Governance for SDGs

The **Curriculum on Governance for SDGs** is a comprehensive set of Training of Trainers Capacity Development Toolkits, which contain ready-to-use and customizable training material on key governance dimensions needed to advance the implementation of the SDGs. The Curriculum provides methodologies and approaches to advance knowledge and assist governments in developing capacities at the individual, organizational, and institutional/societal level, to drive the transformational change needed to implement the 2030 Agenda.

Available for free at, <https://unpan.un.org/capacity-development/curriculum-on-governance-for-the-SDGs>

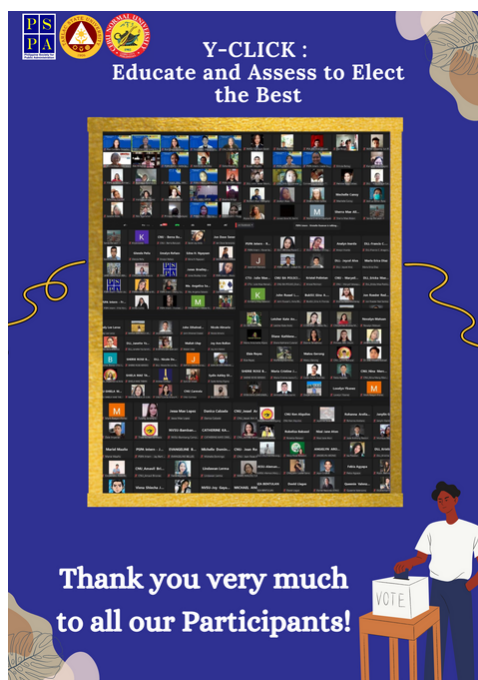
Public Administration and the 2022 Elections: Change and Continuity?

The result of the 2022 elections in the Philippines will significantly influence the progress our nation takes in the coming years. As public administration practitioners and students, we must be vigilant and perceptive as the country experiences the change from one leadership to the next. People may have



responded in different ways to the recent developments, whether they were positive or negative. Dr. Brillantes, Jr. was invited to be a plenary speaker at this fruitful event. He highlighted the role of the state bureaucracy, especially the Election Commission, and the countless street bureaucrats (i.e., front liners). They form the backbone of the government's services to the people. They are truly the unsung heroes of society as the Filipino nation underwent a transition of power. As we chart our future towards a volatile, uncertain, complex, ambiguous world, the public administration's role as a capacity-building provider for personnel is important because it confers stability and continuity for the government. Its eternal duty is to help implement the policies of a sitting government. At the same time, it is largely distanced from the whims of politics. 🌍

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EROPA Participates in PSPA's 2nd National Student Webinar

April 30, 2022 – EROPA served as one of the plenary speakers to the Philippine Society for Public Administration's (PSPA's) 2nd National Student Webinar, in collaboration with the Cebu Normal University and Tarlac State University, focusing on the recent national elections last May 2022. The webinar titled, "Y-Click: Educate and Assess to Elect the Best," provided a platform to help and educate the youth about the importance of voting and how cyber engagements affect the political and civic consciousness, especially of the youth sector. EROPA was joined by Dr. Maria Lourdes Turalde-Jarade, Convenor of the Kawani Kontra Daya, a non-government organization that served as one of the election watchdogs in the Philippines; Mr. Marion Joseph Villar of the YouthLED; and Dr. Roselle Jardin of Cebu Normal University.

Dr. Brillantes, Jr. emphasized in his presentation the importance of voter's education and the role of the youth in the national and local elections. Given that a huge portion of the voting population is composed of the youth sector and first-time voters, the webinar provided some guidance and reminders to scrutinize all their prospect candidates, and review their platforms and its alignment to the national development agenda of the country.

Almost 500 participants attended the webinar and most of the attendees were first time voters and undergraduate students of public administration and political science. 🌍

Upcoming Events



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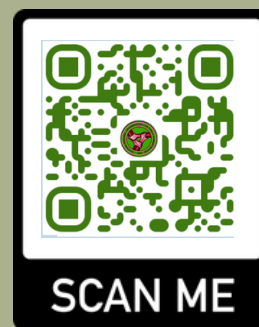
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20 August 2022 @ 9.00 am [GMT+6]

<https://zoom.us/j/98929134564?pwd=K1RYdmVU1Ft3kzbThBeVJkY25rZz09> Meeting ID: 989 2913 4564 Passcode: 2022

TOPIC

Public administration in developing countries: practitioners' perspectives

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Nivadita P Haran, IAS
Former Secretary, Government of India



PANELISTS



Mohammad Mejbahuddin
Former Senior Secretary, Government of Bangladesh



Dr. Aly Shameem
Former President, Civil Service Commission, Maldives



Bokyun Shim
Former Vice-Minister, Government of the Republic of Korea
Head of Office, UNPDG, Seoul

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Former Secretary, Government of Bangladesh

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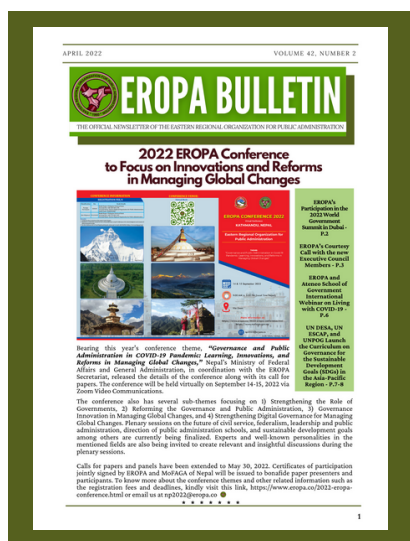
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Call for Inputs for the October 2022 Issue, Vol. 42, No. 4 of EROPA Bulletin



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 October 2022 Issue (Vol. 42, 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.

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- 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 or publicity materials (if applicable).

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The **Public Administration and Policy – An Asia-Pacific Journal (PAP)**, the international, peer-reviewed, open access journal jointly sponsored by the Hong Kong Public Administration Association and School of Professional Education and Executive Development (SPEED), and Hong Kong Polytechnic University, recently launched its latest journal issue, Volume 25 Number 1 2022, focusing on policies and practices under COVID-19 pandemic and more. The journal issue consists of eight articles with one speech discussing the COVID-19 pandemic, local governments, and listed companies. The journal may be viewed through this link, <https://tinyurl.com/PAPJournalVol25-1>

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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.

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