

FOREWORD



I take pride in sharing with you the second issue of the UP-SURP's Journal in Urban and Regional Planning (JURP).

On its Golden Anniversary this year 2015, the UP School of Urban and Regional Planning (UP-SURP) continues its mission at the forefront of nation-building; adhering to its fourfold mandate of Graduate Education, Research, Training and Extension Services. The second issue of JURP is a testament to the School's determination to provide insight and fresh perspective in transportation planning, as well as, social structures and governance. This issue recognizes the works of the authors, which have been thoroughly reviewed by peers and experts.

The JURP serves as the primary platform for the dissemination of UP-SURP's scholarly work on sustainable practices in urban and regional planning and related fields in planning (environment, transport, estate, public works, land-use, etc.). It is a bi-annual publication of the Research and Publications Division and is made available both online and in limited printed format. JURP is hosted by the UP Diliman Journals Online, a free online service exclusively offered to UP Diliman.

As a partner institution of the online knowledge repository with government agencies, academic and research institutions, and development organizations, UP SURP increased its local and international reach by linking the JURP online platform with these institutions, enabling the School to share new ideas, findings and results of researches and studies. These are the Socio-Economic Research Portal of the Philippines (SERPP) of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), the Philippine Social Science Council Online Resource and Open Access, among others.

I would like to express my thanks to the individuals who contributed in making this second issue a reality; to the Authors who entrusted us their articles; to the Reviewers for the time they provided to assess and give their valuable inputs on each of the articles; and to the Editorial Board and the Research Staff who have tirelessly gone through each of the draft proofs, and drawn up the final version of the Journal.

It is my fervent hope that more individuals will conduct urban and regional planning-related researches and that JURP will encourage and inspire more people to seek novel pathways to solve the current issues and challenges we face in the global community.



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