

FOREWORD



It is with great pride that I present the first issue of the Journal in Urban and Regional Planning (JURP).

As the School approaches its 50th year, UP-SURP continues to be at the forefront of nation-building, adhering to its fourfold mandate of Graduate Education, Research, Training and Extension Services. The School, with the launching of the JURP on an e-platform, aims to reach a much wider audience through the internet both locally and internationally; sharing new findings and results of researches and studies by the faculty members, staff, students, and planning practitioners.

This first issue recognizes the works of five authors which have been thoroughly reviewed by peers and experts.

I would like to express my thanks to the individuals who contributed in making this online 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.

I hope that through JURP we will not only be able to share but also encourage and inspire more individuals to conduct urban and regional planning-related researches.



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