

FOREWORD

I am pleased to present the third issue of the UP SURP's *Journal in Urban and Regional Planning (JURP)*. This issue has three (3) articles which cover topics on community resilience, community development, and biodiversity conservation. The first paper conveys information about the basis for spatial structuring and land use policy framework to support the objectives of biodiversity conservation and the provision of ecosystem services considering the needs and development aspired by the stakeholders in the planning region. The second paper discusses identity as a catalyst for community development. It provides deeper insight into theoretical discussions stating that 'improved social capital establishes a sense of identity.' The last paper studied how a community managed disaster risks as well as the role of community bond in keeping the community resilient.

This peer-reviewed journal serves as the primary platform to disseminate the School's scholarly work on sustainable practices in urban and regional planning and related fields in planning (environment, transport, estate, public works, land use, etc.).

To extend the local and international reach, UP SURP has linked the JURP online platform to online knowledge resources by non-profit organizations and research institutions such as the Socio-Economic Research Portal of the Philippines (SERP-P) of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), the Philippine Social Science Council Online Resource and Open Access, among others.

I would like to acknowledge the people who greatly contributed in the completion of this third issue; to the Authors who entrusted us their articles; to the Reviewers for the time they provided in sharing their valuable inputs on each article; and to the Editorial Board and the Research and Publication Division staff who diligently edited and laid out the draft proofs and produced the final version of the Journal.

I hope that the JURP will encourage more individuals to engage in urban and regional planning-related research that will help solve the current issues and challenges we face in the global society.

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