



Foreword

I am pleased to introduce you to the fifth issue of the UP SURP's Journal in Urban and Regional Planning (JURP). This issue covers diverse topics on disaster/emergency shelters, travel demand forecasting, and climate change sourced from technical papers presented during the International Conference on Urban and Regional Planning (ICURP) held in 2018. The first paper introduces readily-available but innovative materials that function as temporary walls for emergency shelters. The material design will benefit government agencies in responding to natural calamities by improving the physical and social conditions of the victims in evacuation centers. The second paper presents a model that can serve as a measure for regional and urban planners in forecasting future trips and formulating policies and recommendations to advance a city's land use and transportation setting. The last paper offers valuable insights into improving social preparedness for climate change. These relevant studies offer practical solutions to issues on community development and building resilient communities.

This peer-reviewed journal serves as the primary platform to disseminate the scholarly work of UP SURP on sustainable practices in urban and regional planning and related fields in planning (environment, transport, estate, public works, and land use, among others).

The JURP widens its dissemination and visibility online through the UP Diliman Journals Online. In addition, the 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 authors who entrusted us with their articles, the reviewers who shared their valuable inputs on each article, and the Editorial Board. I commend the Office of Research and Publication staff, who pulled this together and diligently laid out and edited the papers to produce the final version of the Journal.

I hope this issue will appeal to many readers and broaden their knowledge in the discipline, and at the same time, encourage more researchers to publish their works that will help fill the gap of understanding in the urban and regional planning field.



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