



## Foreword

The UP SURP is dedicated to generating, sharing, and exchanging knowledge, exemplified through the annual publication of scholarly work in the School's official publication, the Journal in Urban and Regional Planning (JURP).

The 2019 edition marks the sixth issue of JURP, showcasing UP SURP's ongoing commitment and contributions to urban and regional planning and its allied disciplines. This issue covers diverse topics on disaster preparedness parameters and resilience measures at the local government level, operating environment factors that inform suitable bank branch location, and the humanitarian supply chain in the context of climate-related hazards.

The first paper presents a resilience assessment framework designed for local governments. This framework can be integrated into their existing assessment for disaster preparedness, promoting both operational preparedness and accountability in building community resilience. The second paper explores various location-decision factors and policy interventions that guide the planning of suitable locations for physical bank branches and the financial district's role, through bank and financial institutions, in fostering urban development. The last paper offers valuable insights into risk-informed site selection by using geospatial analysis. It aims to understand the number and location of assets at risk to various hazards, facilitating informed decision-making. These timely studies offer practical solutions to contemporary issues on community development and disaster resiliency. They provide valuable frameworks and insights that can be applied to enhance resilience and support sustainable urban growth.

JURP is a peer-reviewed journal geared towards disseminating the scholarly work of the UP SURP on sustainable practices in urban and regional planning and related fields, such as the environment, transport, estate, and public works, 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.

My sincerest appreciation to the authors who entrusted us with their articles, and the Editorial Board and reviewers who provided invaluable feedback. I also commend the staff of the Office of Research and Publication for their hard work in compiling, laying out, and editing the papers to produce this final version of JURP.

I hope this issue resonates with a wide audience and broadens their knowledge in the field, while also encouraging more researchers to contribute their work to advance understanding in urban and regional planning.



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