

FOREWORD

The year 1999-2000 has proven to be quite a special time for archaeology in the Philippines. Besides being the 5th year anniversary of the establishment of the **Archaeological Studies Program** (ASP) at the University of the Philippines, the first such academic institution in the country, it also witnessed the founding of the **Katipunan Arkeologist ng Pilipinas, Inc.** (KAPI), the first organization of Philippine archaeologists. In addition, the year also saw the coming of various visiting professors who conducted lectures at the ASP in the spirit of academic exchange geared towards the enrichment of the discipline of archaeology.

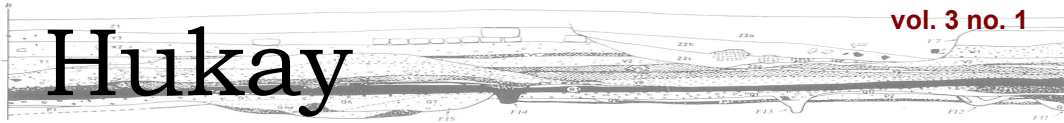
In celebration of this special year, *Hukay* in its 5th issue now presents a collection of the lectures conducted by these visiting professors.

The first article is by Dr. Alfred F. Pawlik. Now on his 3rd year of teaching at the ASP, Dr. Pawlik is a long-term lecturer under the mutual cooperation between the University of the Philippines and Tübingen University, and the sponsorship of the German Academic Exchange Program (DAAD). He specializes on the analysis of stone tools, particularly on the determination of their functions through the method of use-wear analysis. His article is thus a good introduction to the basics of this method of analysis.

The subject of human evolution has always been a topic of great interest. Through the years since the discovery of the first fossil remains attributed to man's ancestors, various models and hypotheses have already been put forward in the attempt to explain the origins and evolution of the human species. In this issue, Dr. Hansjürgen Müller-Beck, Professor Emeritus at the Faculty of Geosciences and former chairperson of the Institute for Palaeohistory and Quaternary Ecology in the University of Tübingen, shares with us an article on recent developments in the study of human evolution.

Meanwhile, Dr. Ian C. Glover might not need further introduction when it comes to Southeast Asian archaeology, having conducted various researches and excavations from Thailand to Vietnam. His article focuses on the role played by politics and nationalism in Southeast Asian archaeology, and *vice-versa*.

Last is an article by Mr. Makoto Ishibashi, a visiting research fellow at the Third World Studies Centre in the University of the Philippines. Mr. Ishibashi's article comes as a reaction to the recent



scandal in Japanese archaeology concerning the fabrication of prehistoric stone implements by Shinichi Fujimura, the vice director of the Institute for Palaeolithic Age Culture in Tohoku.* The article, while providing a sympathetic explanation of the issue, illustrates the heavy responsibility of archaeology as a discipline, especially when it comes to building national identity and pride.

The Editors

* For more information on the issue, please see:

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