

Foreword

In this issue, several modifications were undertaken to elevate *Hukay* to a refereed journal, foremost of which was changing the members of the Board of Consultants to resident Referees. The resident Publication Referees are now composed of local archaeologists and visiting professors who comment on article contributions. We have also invited international scholars from North America, Europe, Southeast Asia and Australia to be part of the pool of referees. Our current network of referees will also be tapped for future publications.

Previously, *Hukay* was financially supported by private sponsors; it was also funded by the University of the Philippines-Office for Initiatives in Culture and the Arts. Recently, the UP Press has agreed to publish *Hukay*. This is very good news for the Archaeological Studies Program (ASP). The publication will gain added prestige while reaffirming our commitment to quality scholarship.

As a journal, *Hukay* will exclude several sections from here on. The Updates and Muni-muni sections were removed and will instead be part of a new program bulletin aptly named *Test Pit*. *Hukay* will target an international audience, while *Test Pit* will focus on the local experience and discourse in archaeology. This issue will carry a new section, Book Reviews, which will evaluate recent local and foreign publications in and related to archaeology.

For this issue, there are four articles and three book reviews. The first article is a result of several years of research by Rey A. Santiago, a veteran researcher in archaeology at the National Museum and the Philippines' pioneer bead researcher. As an Archaeological Studies Program University Research Associate, Marie Grace Pamela Faylona is very fortunate to have joined several fieldworks this year. These experiences have provided her with additional knowledge and information which she shares with us in her article, where she analyzes the shells recovered from the Ille Rockshelter in Palawan. The third article is written by Prof. Armand Salvador Mijares, a new member of the pool of Referees for *Hukay*. Mijares, a graduate of the American system, is recommending Americanist methods and approaches to be adopted by the Philippine archaeology system. Helen Lewis, a soil micromorphology specialist and a colleague of ASP Director Dr. Victor Paz, at the

University of Cambridge, recently visited the Philippines. She is studying the potential of soil micromorphology in tropical Asia for possible future improvement of archaeological methods in the region. The three book reviews focus on pottery, lithics and phytoliths.

It can not be helped that there were two oversights in the previous issue, Vol. 4. No. 1. Figures 3 and 4 on p. 58 were illustrated by Pamela Faylona, Ligaya Lacsina and Darryl De Leon. Jun Cayron did not include the beads from the Kay Daing Site in Calatagan in his master's thesis as stated in Castro's article (pp. 59-63). Our apologies to the authors and readers.

The Editor