

**Jose V. Abueva
(1928–2021)**

and

**Vicente D. Mariano
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This issue of the Philippine Journal of Public Administration (PJPA) is dedicated to the memory of Jose V. Abueva and Vicente R. Mariano, two pillars of the Philippine Journal of Public Administration (PJPA) who passed away on 18 August 2021 and 27 April 2021, respectively.

Abueva or JVA to his NCPAG family was Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Public Administration and the PJPA's first editor when it was founded in 1957. He led an illustrious academic career specializing on democracy and governance, political science, politics and administration, and decentralization and federalism.

In addition to research and instruction, he also served the University in various capacities as an administrator. He was President of the University of the Philippines System from 1987 to 1993, Chancellor of the University of the Philippines Diliman from 1990 to 1991, and Assistant Dean of the NCPAG when it was still known as the Institute of Public Administration.

Outside academia, Abueva was a celebrated statesman. He was the secretary of the Philippine Constitutional Convention of 1971; chairman of the Legislative-Executive Military Bases Council from 1989 to 1990; and chairperson of the Consultative Constitutional Commission during the presidency of Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in 2005.

Dr. Vicente D. Mariano or VicMar was the longest-serving Director of the NCPAG Publications Office and de facto editor-in-chief of the PJPA (2004-2012). He joined NCPAG in 1973 as a research associate at the Local Government Center and started teaching full time as a member of the faculty in 1999 until his retirement in 2012 with the rank of Associate Professor.

Mariano taught research courses at the graduate and undergraduate levels and was one of the pioneers in teaching e-governance and spatial information management. He also served as IT Coordinator of NCPAG.

The PJPA is grateful for the immeasurable contributions of these two scholars to the advancement of public administration scholarship in the country.