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**Fiscal Decentralization  
in the Philippines**

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Although most rationales  
for fiscal decentralization  
are derived from  
developed countries,  
decentralization has  
become a growing trend

in the developing world.  
This has brought about  
fundamental changes in  
the paths of development,  
both at a local level and in  
intergovernmental  
relationships. This book  
uses detailed statistical  
data from three  
developing countries in  
South East Asia to provide  
an empirical analysis of  
the influence of fiscal  
conditions on

development, with a focus  
on regional inequalities  
and health services.  
(Reading and  
Documents). Palgrave  
Macmillan  
Edited by A. Premchand,  
this collection of seminar  
papers and country  
studies examines recent  
developments in  
government accounting  
and financial  
management in selected

industrial and developing countries. The country studies include Australia, Canada, China, India, Poland, Sweden, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Latin American countries.

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\*\*Winner of the Carlos Palanca Memorial Award for Literature\*\* This colorfully illustrated multicultural children's book presents an entertaining story from the Philippines in both English and Tagalog. A

heart-warming story of a young Filipino girl who builds self-confidence after spending a day with her classmates, *Pan de Sal Saves the Day: A Filipino Children's Story* is an award-winning, inspiring tale for young children everywhere. It's the story of a young girl named Pan de Sal who lives in the Philippines and thinks she's the unluckiest girl in the whole world. Aside from not liking her own name and finding her appearance strange, she doesn't have all the fancy

things her classmates have. She can't even muster the courage to try out for the Glee Club, even though she has a beautiful voice. Things change suddenly when an unexpected event forces her into the limelight. With her innate talent and resourcefulness, Pan de Sal wins the admiration of her classmates and finds the confidence she needs to fulfill her dreams. For anyone who has ever felt like an outsider or experienced adversity, *Pan de Sal Saves the Day* teaches children to see

the unique qualities in everything and everyone, even themselves.

**Issues, Findings and New Directions**

World Bank Publications

Here is the cookbook that presents to America the cooking of the Philippines, an extraordinary classic cuisine adapted to the specific requirements of the U.S. kitchens. In it you'll find adobo—a rich marinated stew of chicken or pork, succulently flavored with vinegar and soy sauce; pancit guisado—sautéed noodles laced with crunchy

vegetables, thinly sliced sausage, and baby shrimp; estofado—prepared with burnt sugar sauce; and ginataan—meat prepared with coconut milk. Reflecting the best elements of the cooking of Malaysia, China, and Spain, which form the ethnic base of the 7,000 Philippine Islands, this cuisine is not only marvelously tasteful, but quick and easy to prepare, as well as light and nutritious—perfect for the health-minded American with more imagination

and taste than time or budget. If you're looking for a whole new array of tastes and textures in appetizers, rice, meat, fish entrees, noodles and vegetarian dishes, salads, condiments, and desserts, you'll find your palate wonderfully stimulated by *The Philippine Cookbook*. *Philippine Government Receipts & Expenditures, Fiscal Year 1953* International Monetary Fund Bring the Exciting Flavors of the Philippines into Your Kitchen Experience classic and authentic

recipes from the Philippines with Quintessential Filipino Cooking. This incredible collection of 75 recipes highlights the traditions and favors of Filipino cooking, and gives each one Liza's personal touch that takes it to the next level. These recipes highlight the standout favors of Austronesian, Malay-Indonesian, Indian, Japanese, Chinese, Spanish and American cuisines to make unforgettable dishes. Using easy-to-find ingredients and simple

techniques Liza teaches readers to cook their own lumpia (spring rolls), sinigang (sour soup), longganisa (sausage), adobo (chicken or pork), kare kare (stewed oxtail), leche fan and more. *The Philippines and the Filipinos* International Monetary Fund  
The condition of banking systems in developing countries strongly influences the design and effectiveness of economic adjustment policies. Bank portfolio weakness can limit the flexibility of interest rate policy, the

scope of financial reforms, and the conduct of monetary and fiscal policy. This volume, edited by V. Sundararajan and Tomás J.T. Baliño, is a collection of papers by IMF economists. It examines the link between financial problems and macroeconomic policy and highlights the need for prudential regulations and the appropriate institutional framework to deal with problem banks and borrowers. [Philippine Public Fiscal Administration](#) Page

### Street Publishing

This book is an assembly of the major papers presented during the Seminar on Public Financial Management and Accountability, and the World Conference on Governance held in Manila in April and June 1999. The papers cover the fundamentals of public financial management and the role of transparency and accountability in promoting aggregate fiscal discipline, the strategic allocation of budgetary resources, and

the efficiency in the delivery of public services.

### **Philippine Public Fiscal Administration**

International City/County Management

Association(ICMA)

This volume, edited by John Hicklin, David Robinson, and Anoop Singh, contains papers prepared for an ASEAN conference held in Jakarta in November 1996. The conference aimed to review the macroeconomic record of the member countries of ASEAN, examine the factors that have

contributed to the region's economic success, and identify the policy agenda for sustaining this success into the 21st century.

### **Pan de Sal Saves the Day**

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Fiscal Administration Analysis and Applications for the Public Sector  
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Guidelines on Corporate Governance of State-Owned Enterprises as well as a comparative overview of main practices and issues related to corporate governance of state-owned enterprises in the OECD area.

*A Study in Government* World Bank Publications  
*Way of the Ancient Healer* provides an overview of the rich tradition of Filipino healing practices, discussing their origins, world influences, and role in daily life. Enhanced with over 200

photographs and illustrations, the book combines years of historical research with detailed descriptions of the spiritual belief system that forms the foundation of these practices. Giving readers a rare look at modern-day Filipino healing rituals, the book also includes personal examples from author Virgil Mayor Apostol's own experiences with shamanic healing and dream interpretation. The book begins with an explanation of Apostol's Filipino lineage and legacy

as a healer. After a brief history of the Philippine archipelago, he describes the roots of traditional Filipino healing and spirituality, and discusses the Indian, Islamic, Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, and American influences that have impacted the Filipino culture. He presents a thorough description of Filipino shamanic and spiritual practices that have developed from the concept that everything in nature contains a spirit (animism) and that living in the presence of spirits

demands certain protocols and rituals for interacting with them. The book's final chapter thoughtfully explores the spiritual tools used in Filipino healing—talismans, amulets, stones, and other natural symbols of power.

Theory, Trends, and Some Alternatives International Monetary Fund

This paper explores the macroeconomic effects of improving public infrastructure in the Philippines. After benchmarking the Philippines relative to its

neighbors in terms of level of public capital and quality of public infrastructure, and public investment efficiency, it uses model simulations to assess the macroeconomic implications of raising public investment and improving public investment efficiency. The main results are as follows: (i) increasing public infrastructure investment results in sustained gains in output; (ii) the effects of improving public investment efficiency are

substantial; and (iii) deficit-financed increases in public investment lead to higher borrowing costs that constrain output increases over time, underscoring the importance of revenue mobilization.

*Readings and Documents*

Edward Elgar Publishing  
Tax amnesties remain as popular as ever as a tool for raising revenue and increasing tax compliance. International experience, however, shows that the costs of tax amnesty programs often exceed the

programs' benefits. This paper weighs the advantages and disadvantages of tax amnesties, drawing on results from the theoretical literature, econometric evidence, and selected country and U.S. state case studies. The authors conclude that "successful" tax amnesties are the exception rather than the norm. Improvements in tax administration are the essential ingredient in addressing the main problems that tax amnesties seek to

address. Indeed, the most successful amnesty programs rely on improving the tax administration's enforcement capacity. ?Given the potential drawbacks of tax amnesties, a few alternative measures are discussed.  
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Administration (Reading and Documents). Fiscal Administration Analysis and Applications for the Public Sector  
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Developing Towns and Cities Tuttle Publishing  
 The soldier reading these pages would do well to reflect on the wisdom of the statement exhibited in a Japanese shrine: "Woe unto him who has not tasted defeat." Victory too often leads to overconfidence and

erases the memory of mistakes. Defeat brings into sharp focus the causes that led to failure and provides a fruitful field of study for those soldiers and laymen who seek in the past lessons for the future. The statesman and the informed citizen reading these pages will realize that our military means as well as our estimates and plans must always be in balance with our long-range national policy. This lesson signposted by the Battle of Manila Bay; the Treaty of Paris, signed in

December 1898 when we decided to keep the Philippines; the Washington Conference of 1921-22; and the Manchurian Crisis of 1931 we ignored before Pearl Harbor. The result was defeat on the field of battle and the loss of the Philippine Islands. Work on this volume was begun in early 1947. The reader may gain some idea of the size of the task of writing this history by an appraisal of *The Sources. Politics and Administration* Asian Development Bank The Urban Operational

Plan (UOP) 2012-2020 of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) supports ADB developing member countries (DMCs) in expanding their urban economies, improving environmental sustainability, and making pro-poor investments through a 3E approach (Economy, Environment, and Equity). This case study on the Philippines is based on thematic areas of the National Urban Sustainability Assessment framework for developing strategic policy options and targeted investments

in the urban sector. This publication shows how the framework acts as a tool for conducting rapid urban assessments at both national and urban region levels for DMCs.

**Development  
Administration and  
Assistance** OECD

Publishing

Against the backdrop of the global financial crisis and rising food, fuel, and commodity prices, addressing poverty and inequality in the Philippines remains a challenge. The proportion of households living below

the official poverty line has declined slowly and unevenly in the past four decades, and poverty reduction has been much slower than in neighboring countries such as the People's Republic of China, Indonesia, Thailand, and Viet Nam. Economic growth has gone through boom and bust cycles, and recent episodes of moderate economic expansion have had limited impact on the poor. Great inequality across income brackets, regions, and sectors, as

well as unmanaged population growth, are considered some of the key factors constraining poverty reduction efforts. This publication analyzes the causes of poverty and recommends ways to accelerate poverty reduction and achieve more inclusive growth. It also provides an overview of current government responses, strategies, and achievements in the fight against poverty and identifies and prioritizes future needs and interventions. The analysis is based on

current literature and the latest available data, including the 2006 Family Income and Expenditure Survey.

Experiences of Three Developing Countries in Southeast Asia

International Monetary Fund

A decade and a half since the Philippines embarked on a major program of decentralization, the authors of this book have undertaken a detailed examination of all aspects of the nation's regional dynamics and policies. Their analysis extends to

comparable experiences in East Asia, particularly China and Indonesia. The lessons of this book are relevant not only for an audience interested in the Philippines - a large developing nation with a population soon to exceed 100 million people - but also for many other developing countries now embarking on decentralization programs. The book therefore has broad international appeal. The contributors focus on three main issues: - Centre-region relations.

While the decentralization program in the Philippines has been reasonably successful, they argue there is an urgent need for a clear, predictable, and stable regulatory environment that governs centre-region administrative and financial relations. - Infrastructure. This is arguably the most important policy tool in shaping regional development patterns, yet decision-makers are rarely able to develop these investments on the basis of a coherent and

integrated policy framework. - The conflict in Mindanao. This deep and protracted conflict must be resolved for the benefit of the local and national population. This enlightening and topical book will appeal to postgraduate students of economic development, regional development/science, rural development, and Asian Studies. It will also attract the interest of researchers and practitioners in international development agencies, NGOs, and

policymakers and legislators in developing countries. Routledge Digitization promises to reshape fiscal policy by transforming how governments collect, process, share, and act on information. More and higher-quality information can improve not only policy design for tax and spending, but also systems for their management, including tax administration and compliance, delivery of public services, administration of social

programs, public financial management, and more. Countries must chart their own paths to effectively balance the potential benefits against the risks and challenges, including institutional and capacity constraints, privacy concerns, and new avenues for fraud and evasion. Support for this book and the conference on which it is based was provided by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation "Click Download on the top right corner for your free copy..."  
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Improving fiscal transparency has been a priority in the Philippines over recent years. The government's public financial management reform strategy has helped initiate a wide variety of reforms, which are beginning to bear fruit. In light of this, the evaluation against the 36 principles of the draft Fiscal Transparency Code (Annex IV) is broadly favorable: ? Fiscal reporting is relatively

comprehensive, frequent and timely, with many areas of good and advanced practices. Coverage of public sector units' stocks and flows is well-developed but coverage of the public sector as a whole lacks consolidated data for the public sector and general government subsectors. Comparability of fiscal data from various reports and of budget outturns against the original budget is not always possible, reflecting a fragmentation of agencies involved. While audits of

individual agencies' financial reports are undertaken, there is no separate independent audit of the consolidated Annual Financial Reports; this differs from international practice (Annex I). ? Fiscal forecasting and budgeting is generally good, with several recent improvements, especially regarding fiscal policy objectives, performance orientation, public participation, and the comprehensiveness and orderliness of the budget. However, budget

credibility is undermined by the complexity and large flexibility of the annual budget framework which resulted in the non-rating of the principle on the supplementary budget (Annex II). Fiscal risk analysis and management is relatively strong in the Philippines compared to other countries, as shown by the publication of a comprehensive Fiscal Risk Statement with a relatively comprehensive collation of risks that could affect public finances. However,

improvements are needed in a few areas, especially to capture of risks from guarantees and PPPs, assess the scope of tax expenditures, and introduce a longer-term perspective in the fiscal sustainability analysis (Annex III). The evaluation reveals two cross-cutting issues spanning across the three FTC pillars: (i) the fragmentation of responsibilities for fiscal management in the public sector, and (ii) the complexity and flexibility of the budget system, which complicate fiscal

reporting. This report highlights twelve priority recommendations to address gaps in the Philippines' transparency practices. They focus on (i) publishing a consistent set of budget documents that provides the public with the means to track and assess the operations of government; (ii) reducing the discrepancy between initial budget plans and end-year fiscal outturns; (iii) integrating fiscal sustainability considerations into short-term policy decisions; (iv) delineating more

rigorously the government's policy activities from purely commercial activities; (v) better allocating resources to priority areas over the medium term; and (vi) ensuring that consolidated financial reports are audited in a fully-independent manner.

**Transforming Public Finance, Health, and Governance for More Inclusive Development**

International Monetary

Fund

This book explores the important topic of fiscal decentralization in Asian countries, and focuses on how government finance and administration are being reformed to bring budgetary decisions closer to voters. The focus on Asia is especially important because all countries in this region have been undergoing serious fiscal reforms in the past decade. They include one of the biggest

decentralization reforms in Indonesia, significant reforms in democratic Philippines and Vietnam which are in transition, and Japan, whose fiscal reconstruction program is covered extensively. India and China, which are also covered, are very special cases because of their size and because their policies must fit decentralization into a significant economic growth scenario.

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