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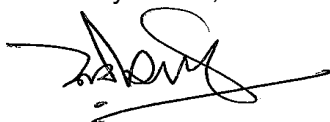
The current issue of the journal deals with a diverse range of topics involving governance and administration. It includes four articles, one policy research paper, one case study and a book review.

Emilia Pacoy's paper, "Reintegrating Child Soldiers in the Philippines: Agenda for Education and Governance" deals with an interesting albeit intriguing issue of child soldiering. It draws the attention of the government and the community in crafting necessary policy and programs to educate and train children with appropriate knowledge and resources to demotivate them to become child soldiers and to better integrate them to the society. Chauhan and Singh's paper, "Generalizing Meta-Data Elements: Global Scenario and Indian Perspective" uses meta-data in the discovery and management of government resources. The paper highlights the use of meta-data in e-government and presents preliminary comparison of meta-data of different countries willing to share data interoperably. Mahalik, in his paper, "Outsourcing in e-Governance: A Multi Criteria Decision Making Approach", presents e-governance outsourcing as an IT enabled service offered by different government organizations for improving their service effectiveness. Mahalik argues that often these services are being outsourced, without sufficiently analysing the impact of such decisions on the organisation itself. The paper by Pathak, Naz, Singh and Smith examines "ICT for Improved Public Service Delivery in Papua New Guinea". Based on a study involving 189 respondents in Papua New Guinea (PNG), the paper concludes that e-governance has the potential to improve service delivery and customer satisfaction in developing countries.

The research method/research note section is contributed by S. B. Thomson. Thomson's paper on "Sample Size and Grounded Theory" is an important addition to this issue of the journal. Although we consider the research process and rigour as important preconditions of undertaking significant research activities, there is a scarcity of papers guiding research activities involving policy and governance. I am sure Thomson's paper will be considered as an important stepping stone towards filling this gap. This issue of journal also includes a case study by Iain Davey titled, "Potential contributions of partnerships to sustainable urban development: A case study of the UN-HABITAT Sustainable Sri Lankan Cities Programme". It assesses the effectiveness of the partnership between UN-HABITAT and the Sustainable Sri Lankan Cities Programme (SSLCP) by examining the programme's goals and outcomes. In the "Book Review" section, Lai and Plecerda have reviewed an interesting book by Samuel Bacharach, "Keep Them on Your Side: Leading And Managing for Momentum". Reviewers have done a good job by bringing this important book to the attention of our readers.

Journal of Administration & Governance has now stepped into the 4th year of its publication. It is good to see the journal growing in both reputation and quality. I would like to thank all reviewers and editorial board members for their ongoing support and contribution in publishing the journal. My special thanks are due to S. Bruce Thomson for his tireless efforts in making liaison with authors and reviewers to ensure the quality of submissions and their timely acceptance.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sharif As-Saber'. The signature is fluid and stylized, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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