

From the Editorial Desk

Since its official launch on 5 December 2006 in Sydney, *JOAAG* has attracted considerable attention from the academia and practitioners from all around the world. It has been reflected in visits of the *JOAAG* website by a significant number of viewers over the last few months. The editorial desk has been inundated with inquiries from interested authors and readers. The submission rate to *JOAAG* has also increased significantly over the same period. Overall, it is good to see that *JOAAG* has been accepted by the relevant audience as a good journal dealing with governance and administrative matters.

The journal has reached another important milestone as its inaugural issue has now been published in the print form with support from the National Institute of Public Administration (INTAN), Malaysia. INTAN, through NAPSIPAG's newly appointed Executive Director Ms Sri Derwina Shaharuddin, has confirmed the editorial board that it will continue publishing the hard copies of the journal's upcoming issues. The journal editorial board expresses its sincere gratitude to INTAN for this generous offer.

From this issue, two new sections on 'Case Study' and 'Research Note' have been added on to the journal's table of contents in order to maintain quality and consistency of the publication. Specially, we are now receiving excellent cases and papers written through observation, anecdotes and industry exposure. Some of these papers are conceptual without incorporating much theoretical underpinnings and reference materials, yet represent important contributions to administration and governance literature. This move will allow the journal to become more flexible in its focus without compromising the overall quality.

The current issue of the journal is a special one incorporating papers submitted at NAPSIPAG conference held in Sydney in 2006. Professor Ian Marsh from Sydney University has done an excellent job in this regard. Ian and his team were kind enough to make preliminary selection of twelve best papers for the journal from among a huge number of submissions. On behalf of the editorial board, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Ian for this excellent job. In addition, I would like to thank all editorial board members for their continuous support and understanding.

Truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sharif As-Saber', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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