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The **Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS)** was created on September 26, 1977 by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 1201. It was established to respond to the critical and growing need for policy research to aid national development planning and policy formulation. It is organized as a nonstock, nonprofit government corporation.

PIDS research is envisioned primarily to help government planners and policymakers in the executive and legislative branches of government. Its main clientele also consists of the network of agencies that make up the National Economic and Development Authority.

To carry out its mandate, the Institute maintains three basic programs: Research Program; Outreach Program; and Dissemination and Research Utilization Program.

RESEARCH PROGRAM

The Research Program is concerned with the identification and prioritization of research studies needed in planning and policy formulation; development of research projects and topics; and conduct of research on priority areas/issues for planning and policymaking. Arrangements for research to be subcontracted to research institutions and individuals, in addition to those conducted in-house, are also part of the program.

PIDS research is guided by a research agenda that is examined and updated every five years to reflect new and emerging development issues.

DISSEMINATION AND RESEARCH UTILIZATION PROGRAM

This program consists of Publications and Circulation, and Public Affairs. The Publications and Circulation subprogram markets PIDS' research outputs to promote their utilization. It fulfills this function through the production of different types of publications that cater to the Institute's varied audiences.

The Public Affairs subprogram organizes and sponsors appropriate fora to provide the proper venue for researchers to present, discuss, and disseminate their research findings to various agencies and institutions, especially to policymakers. The fora delve on issues that may not be part of a completed/ongoing PIDS study but are otherwise critical components of the country's overall development thrust. By focusing on these issues, the Institute is able to immediately respond to the growing demands of the concerned sectors even before it actually undertakes a comprehensive study.

OUTREACH PROGRAM

PIDS' senior staff provide technical expertise and advice to policymakers and other individuals and organizations to help shed light in the deliberation and discussion of key policy issues and important socioeconomic topics. Whether it is to assist in formulating the country's strategic position on APEC-related issues or in drafting a nationwide tax and tariff reform program or in putting together a set of policy issues on food and agriculture in the Asia-Pacific region, the PIDS senior researchers, in their capacity either as resource persons or as technical advisers, provide the necessary analysis of the outstanding issues.

RESEARCH AGENDA

2010-2014

BETTER INSTITUTIONS



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ECONOMIC POLICY
CHOICES



LONG-TERM VISIONING

THE PIDS POLICY RESEARCH AGENDA is anchored on long-term visioning that is deemed more suitable than a medium-term plan. This strategy will help the government address potential issues or problems that may not be urgent now (or maybe so deeply rooted now that they seem virtually insoluble in the short or the medium run) but are likely to be quite important many years or even decades from now, but would take a long time (e.g., longer than the election cycle) and significant resources to be solved by the time the social costs or the foregone benefits from missed opportunities are already quite high.



POLICIES FOR SUSTAINABLE
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Note: Work on the research agenda was carried out by a committee chaired by Dr. Felipe M. Medalla with Dr. Arsenio M. Balisacan and Professor Allan Benedict I. Bernardo as members.

The full text of the Research Agenda 2010-2014 is available at the PIDS website: <http://www.pids.gov.ph/files/pidsagenda.pdf>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the course of delivering his fourth State of the Nation Address on July 22, 2013, President Benigno Aquino III cited the findings and recommendations of a PIDS assessment of the government's *Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino* (conditional cash transfer program) as a reason for extending and expanding this program.

To us at the PIDS, this is a distinct recognition of the Institute's contribution to the crafting of evidence-based policy interventions in the country. The PIDS has served as a policy think tank for more than 34 years since its establishment in 1977 and it continues to be the country's premier institution dedicated to policy research.

I take pride in submitting a report of the accomplishments of the Institute in 2013, a year of significant achievements in policy research, and a year when the international research community gave it greater recognition as a policy think tank. The PIDS was ranked as the top social policy think tank in Southeast Asia and one of the best international development policy think tanks in the world in the 2013 *Global Go To Think Tank Report* released by the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP) of the University of Pennsylvania. The TTCSP has recognized PIDS' work since 2012 and the Institute has continuously improved its world ranking in the annual *Global Go To Think Tank Report*.

In 2013, an intensive year for policy research, the PIDS conducted assessments of several major government programs to determine their effectiveness. This is in line with the present thrust of the government to implement programs based on their effectiveness in delivering development outcomes.

For the third consecutive year, the PIDS conducted several studies for the Department of Budget and Management to inform the government's zero-based budgeting (ZBB) approach. The following programs were assessed in terms of their effectiveness and efficiency:

- Cadastral Survey Program of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR);
- Programs Offered by State Universities and Colleges;
- Resettlement Program of the National Housing Authority;
- Reforestation Program of the DENR;
- *Sitio* or Household Electrification Program;
- Agricultural Production Support Services of the Department of Agriculture on the Income of Poor Farmers/Fisherfolks;
- Philippine Foreign Service Posts of the Department of Foreign Affairs;
- Quick Response Funds in the Departments of National Defense, Social Welfare and Development, Public Works and Highways, Education, and Agriculture; and
- Purchase or Lease of Motor Vehicles for the Government.

In addition, the PIDS undertook for the Department of Education a study of the school-based management grant amounting to PHP 57 million that was allocated to 10 divisions of that department in 2012.

Under the Health Systems Research Management Project managed by the PIDS on behalf of the Department of Health (DOH), 12 studies were completed. These studies examined various health issues, including health financing, expansion of programs of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation, public-private partnership in health, the capacity gap in the health sector, and the accessibility of cheaper medicines.

The results of those studies for the DOH were presented in several seminars organized by the PIDS during the celebration of the Development Policy Research Month (DPRM) in September. For the DPRM's 11th year of celebration, the PIDS adopted the theme "Making Health More Inclusive in a Growing Economy" to nudge policymakers and various stakeholders to make health interventions work better for the poor. Broad-based acceptance of this theme coming from a total of 53 local and international agencies that participated in the DPRM by holding various activities supporting the DPRM theme is worth noting.

Looking at regional issues, the PIDS conducted several important studies to help the government frame more efficient policies: (a) FTA Comparison (Phase 3) + Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP); (b) ASEAN Economic Scorecard Phase III; (c) Logistics Sector and Trade Facilitation; (d) Study on Unfair Trade Practices in the ASEAN Region; (e) Innovation Between and Within Supply Chains: Empirical Study of Tracing Local and Global Production-Knowledge Network in East Asia; (f) Key Issues and Tasks on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP): The Philippine Case; (g) Philippines-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (PJEPA) Initial Ex-Post Review; and (h) Regional Integration, Inclusive Growth and Poverty: Enhancing Employment Opportunities for the Poor.

PIDS also completed five studies under the Philippine-Chinese-Taipei Economic Cooperation Agreement (PH-CT ECA) Study. This study will help the Department of Trade and Industry in understanding the issues and scope of a possible PH-CT Economic Cooperation Agreement.

By the end 2013, PIDS had completed 57 research studies and had 71 ongoing studies.

Continued dissemination of the results of policy research is critical to strengthen the link between research and policymaking. In 2013, PIDS through its comprehensive knowledge dissemination program organized a total of 43 knowledge dissemination activities encompassing roundtable discussions, symposia, press conferences, *Pulong Saliksikan* seminars; regional consultation meetings; PIDS Corner inauguration; and policy briefings for the House of Representatives and the Senate.

In 2013, PIDS published 4 books, 2 volumes of the *Research Paper Series*, 3 volumes of the *Philippine Journal of Development*, 20 *Policy Notes*, 7 issues of the *Development Research News*, 51 Discussion Papers, and 2 issues of the *Economic Issue of the Day*.

PIDS gained international recognition anew when it was ranked as the top social policy think tank in Southeast Asia and one of the best international development policy think tanks in the world, based on the *2013 Global Go To Think Tank Report*.

Through the SocioEconomic Research Portal for the Philippines (SERP-P) project, the PIDS broke new grounds in knowledge dissemination by successfully joining the Global Open Knowledge Hub Project that is coordinated by the Institute of Development Studies of the University of Sussex. PIDS-SERP-P was one of eight institutions/projects in developing countries invited to join this international partnership whose aim is to improve the availability and accessibility of knowledge products from the Global South. Our participation in this global project will strengthen the Institute's continuing effort to be a timely and relevant source of information and knowledge on a wide range of policy issues within the Philippines and in other regions. The PIDS-SERP-P has also steadily increased the number of studies and research information in its database that are sourced from more than 50 member-institutions of this knowledge network.

In 2013, the PIDS also became more active in the use of social media such as Twitter and Facebook to disseminate its research findings and share information on its activities. The PIDS has also started a new dissemination outlet called PIDS UPDATES, a monthly e-newsletter featuring new publications, press releases, database updates, announcements of forthcoming seminars, and an In Focus section that highlights an important socioeconomic issue examined by PIDS researchers. Twelve issues of PIDS UPDATES were produced and sent via e-blast to PIDS subscribers, and uploaded on the PIDS website.

The Institute also had a record high of 507 media citations in national daily newspapers and online news portal, 402 of which directly referred to PIDS studies. This reflects the growing awareness of PIDS studies as a useful source of information on various policy issues.

Moreover, PIDS continued its leadership role in regional knowledge networks by acting as Regional Coordinator of the East Asian Development Network (EADN) serving as its secretariat since 2010. On June 17-18, it staged the annual EADN Annual Forum that brought together the country coordinators of EADN member-institutions and researchers from various East Asian countries to a two-day presentation of studies funded by the Network.

PIDS also continued to be an active member of the Global Development Network (GDN). Immediately after the EADN Forum, PIDS co-hosted with ADB and GDN the 14th Annual Global Development Conference at the ADB Headquarters in Mandaluyong City, from June 19 to 21. Global development experts discussed why, despite the global growth phenomenon, inclusive growth has remained elusive for billions living in extreme poverty, and provided recommendations to address the identified issues. President Aquino delivered the keynote speech to open the annual conference, which was held for the very first time in a Southeast Asian country.

2013 was indeed a full and eventful year for PIDS!

In light of these substantial achievements, I would like to thank the whole PIDS family for the hard work and commitment to public service and the PIDS Board of Trustees led by Secretary Arsenio M. Balisacan for key policy direction, vote of confidence, and support to PIDS management's efforts to fulfill the Institute's mandate. I would like to assure the PIDS' stakeholders of the Institute's unwavering commitment to continue to serve the people and to strive to be a more effective and efficient policy think tank.

GILBERTO M. LLANTO
President



A Year of Transition for PIDS

The year 2013 marked an important transition in the institutional life of the country's top development policy think tank. Dr. Josef Yap, one of the country's reputable economists, left the Institute after a remarkable eight-year tenure as president during which PIDS reached new milestones and even greater heights.



Under his term, a total of 302 new projects were initiated by the Institute, which include externally funded projects, those contracted to other research networks, and in-house studies and projects. By the time he retired, the Institute had completed 295 studies.

It was also during Dr. Yap's term that PIDS strengthened local and international partnerships with other academic and research institutions, and expanded its research and outreach programs. The PIDS Corners were started during his term. The Corners make PIDS research outputs more accessible to researchers and policymakers in localities and municipalities outside of Metro Manila. By the end of his presidency, 22 PIDS Corners were established from Batac, Ilocos Norte, in the north, to as far as Davao City in the south.

In 2012, PIDS was recognized as one of the best research institutions in the world. *The Global Go To Think Tank Report* and *Policy Advice of the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program* of the University of Pennsylvania ranked PIDS 40th and 79th on the list of the world's best social policy think tanks and development think tanks, respectively. The *Global Go To Think Tank Report* is a comprehensive ranking of the world's top think tanks and acknowledges the important contributions and emerging global trends of think tanks worldwide.

A year later, PIDS improved its ranking, placing 37th among the top 50 social policy think tanks in the world, improving its place from 40th the year before. Further, it leapfrogged from 79th place to 70th place as the world's best development policy think tank. "Still, we feel that no formulaic rankings can fully capture the distinctiveness of any think tank. The Global Go To Think Tank is just one measure of a think tank's performance and impact, and should be used in conjunction with other metrics. PIDS continues to be the authority in Philippine economic and social development policy research and is one of the most influential, most quoted, and most trusted think tanks in the country and in the region," Dr. Yap said.

Partnerships with different national, regional, and global research networks prospered during Dr. Yap's term. The Institute assumed leadership in regional knowledge networks such as the East Asian Development Network (EADN) where it became the regional coordinator in 2010. The Institute has remained an active member of the Global Development Network (GDN). It co-organized the 14th Global Development Conference with Dr. Yap playing a lead role in planning and organizing this huge event (see page 23 for more details). PIDS also conducted numerous local and international seminars and conferences with government agencies, academic and research institutions, business sector, civil society, and international development organizations such as the Asian Development Bank, World Bank, and various United Nations agencies, among others.

Succeeding Dr. Yap as president of PIDS is Dr. Gilberto M. Llanto. He formally took office as president on July 4, 2013 before Dr. Arsenio Balisacan, National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) director-general and socioeconomic planning secretary. Formerly a PIDS senior research fellow, Dr. Llanto also served as deputy director-general of the NEDA and executive director of the Agricultural Credit Policy Council. He was president of the Philippine Economic Society from 2003 to 2004. Dr. Llanto has authored several economics books and research papers, and is currently an associate editor of the *Philippine Review of Economics*.

Leaders may come and go, but one fact remains. PIDS will continue to provide effective and efficient service to the Filipino people through policy research, guided by the wisdom of its leaders—past and present—and building upon its successes and learnings in promoting evidence-based policymaking.

The PIDS family thanks Dr. Yap for his numerous contributions to the Institute and conveys its wholehearted support to Dr. Llanto as its new leader!



RESEARCH ACTIVITIES



PIDS reached new heights in 2013 in the international and local arenas as it advanced its mandate of “service through policy research”.

The Institute’s reputation of conducting independent and rigorous research to aid policymaking was deepened with increased collaboration with national government agencies. It continued to provide sound policy advice and technical support to the executive and legislative branches of government and the network of agencies attached to the National Economic and Development Authority.

One of the research areas that PIDS has been developing in the past year is the impact evaluation of key government programs and services. Among the research studies conducted by PIDS in 2013, 10 were rapid appraisal and evaluation studies of the government’s key programs. For three consecutive years, PIDS has been commissioned by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for the conduct of zero-based budgeting (ZBB) studies that aim to aid the DBM’s budget preparation for fiscal years 2012 to 2014. In 2013, 10 programs were assessed against their approved allocations: **Zero-based Budgeting Studies for the Fiscal Year 2013; Cadastral Survey Program of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR); Programs Offered by State Universities and Colleges; Resettlement Program of the National Housing Authority; Reforestation**

Program of the DENR; Sitio or Household Electrification Program; Agricultural Production Support Services of the Department of Agriculture on the Income of Poor Farmers/Fisherfolks; Philippine Foreign Service Posts of the Department of Foreign Affairs and various departments; Quick Response Funds in the Departments of National Defense, Social Welfare and Development, Public Works and Highways, Education (DepEd), and Agriculture; and Purchase or Lease of Motor Vehicles for the Government. PIDS was also tapped by DepEd to conduct an independent study to validate the processes undertaken by, and the compliance of, the different administrative levels of DepEd in awarding the school-based management grant of PHP 57 million allocated to 10 divisions in 2012.

In addition, PIDS completed several studies on issues concerning regional integration for inclusive growth. In collaboration with the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), PIDS completed three studies in 2013: **FTA Comparison (Phase 3) + Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP); ASEAN Economic Scorecard Phase III; and Logistics Sector and Trade Facilitation.** Two studies, namely, **Research Study on Unfair Trade Practices in the ASEAN Region** and **Innovation Between and Within Supply Chain: Empirical Study of Tracing Local and Global Production-Knowledge Network in East Asia** were conducted with funding support from the Consumer Unity and Trust Society-Hanoi and the Japan External Trade Organization, respectively.

Complementing the RCEP study is the PIDS in-house study, **Key Issues and Tasks on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP): The Philippine Case.** The paper discussed some of the challenges facing the Philippines during the period of RCEP's negotiation and the necessary structural and institutional reforms that the country has to take to ensure that it would benefit from RCEP. The paper called the attention of policymakers to address critical constraints affecting the effective utilization of free trade agreements, growth, trade facilitation and customs administration, services liberalization, and investment incentives.

Meanwhile, the PIDS study, **Regional Integration, Inclusive Growth and Poverty: Enhancing Employment Opportunities for the Poor,** examined how the country can improve its record on poverty reduction by looking at how it can generate greater demand for the labor services of the poor. Specifically, the study looked into the linkage between regional production networks and inclusive growth in the Philippines through employment generation for the poor. To promote inclusive growth and reduce poverty, the paper recommended that the manufacturing sector be made more competitive. At the same time, productivity in the agriculture sector (the major employer of the poor) should be increased.

President Benigno S. Aquino III, during his 2013 State of the Nation Address, quoted the policy recommendations of a PIDS study on the government's conditional cash transfer scheme, the *Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program* (4Ps), as the basis of his decision to extend and expand the program. The year 2013 marks the fifth year of the 4Ps' implementation since its inception in 2008. The PIDS study, **Promoting Inclusive Growth through the 4Ps (Assessment of the 4Ps using APIS 2011),** sought to answer whether expanding the program would yield better results or not. It discussed outstanding issues most especially aspects of the program's ability to facilitate inclusive growth.

An annual exercise of PIDS is the release of the **Analysis of the President's Annual Budget.** The latest study presented

an evaluation of the National Expenditure Program for 2013. Fiscal targets set out in the Budget of Expenditures and Sources of Financing (BESF) for 2013 were expected to be met. Although there was a more balanced distribution of the budget between the social services and economic services sectors in the 2013 National Expenditure Program, the services sector still accounted for more than half of the increase in expenditure in 2013. The study further asserted that the debt profile of the country would continue to improve, and national government borrowing would continue to be biased in favor of domestic sources.

PIDS also completed three studies under the PIDS-Commission on Higher Education (CHED) project, **Grants-in-Aid for Research, Development and Extension (RDE) for State Universities and Colleges (SUCs).** The study, **Industry-Academe Collaboration for Research and Development,** discussed specific measures that the government, academe, and the industry sector could undertake to address the weak academe-industry collaboration for research and development, and how to improve research outputs through this collaboration. The second study, **Review of Laws and Bills Pertaining to Scholarship Program,** contributed to one of the PIDS-CHED project objectives of examining if subsidies could be used more cost effectively to achieve increased access to better quality higher education, greater inclusivity, and improved research outputs. The third study, **Promoting High Quality Research Production in Universities,** sought to understand both the internal motivations and external environments by which researchers operate to produce cutting-edge research. The study offered indicators of research performance as well as a rational and commensurate incentive scheme that would catalyze research productivity in state universities and colleges.

A total of 12 papers were completed under the DOH-funded project, **Health Systems Research Management (HSRM) in the Department of Health,** with topics on health financing, expansion of programs of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), public-private partnership in health, the capacity gap in the health sector, and the accessibility of cheaper medicines.

With funding support from the Manila Economic and Cultural Office (MECO), PIDS completed five component studies under the **Philippine – Chinese-Taipei Economic Cooperation Agreement (PH-CT ECA) Feasibility Study.** The studies looked at several aspects of the ECA: political-diplomatic, economic, investment, migration, and trade in the agriculture and non-agriculture sectors.

PIDS also conducted the in-house funded study, **Philippines-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (PJEPA) Initial Ex-Post Review,** which found that based on several key indicators, the country did not suffer major adjustment costs because of the PJEPA. The study echoed earlier research that indicated the short-run impact of the PJEPA on the gross domestic product would be small but the dynamic benefits could be very significant. A rigorous quantitative analysis on the impact of the PJEPA on the Philippines may be conducted after sufficient time has passed to allow impact evaluation.

By the end of 2013, the Institute was gearing up for a research program on process assessment and full impact evaluation of key government programs and projects, and capacity building of oversight agencies on impact evaluation by PIDS in 2014.

In total, PIDS had 57 completed research studies and 71 ongoing studies in 2013. Brief descriptions of the completed projects together with a list of ongoing studies are provided in Annex D and E, respectively.



The Philippine APEC Study Center Network is a regular component project of the PIDS which also serves as the Network's secretariat. PASCN was established on November 23, 1996 by virtue of an administrative order as the Philippines' response to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders Education Initiative. The PASCN is intended to support and promote the conduct of APEC-related studies and facilitate greater exchange of scholars and students among institutions of higher learning in the APEC region.

Research Program

ONGOING PROJECT

• Research Project APEC 2015

This project aims to provide the analytical framework that would form part of the basis for the substantive priorities that the Philippines will push for as APEC Host Economy for 2015. Its main output is a set of research studies with policy recommendations and strategies that would not only serve APEC 2015 purposes but could be used as inputs to the Philippine government's future development planning, strategizing, and visioning exercises in a post-2015 scenario.

The project covers 14 areas/topics and a policy paper with summary of policy recommendations for each area/topic. These outputs will be submitted to the National Organizing Committee (NOC) and the Committee on Host Economy APEC 2015 Priorities (CHEP) for consideration.

The signing of the memorandum of agreement took place on November 14, 2013. The initial assessments and preliminary recommendations were submitted and presented in the APEC-CHEP Meeting on December 16, 2013. The results will be used as inputs to the preparation of the Economic Cluster presentation.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

• Prospects for a Philippine-Chinese Taipei Economic Cooperation Agreement (PH-CT ECA)

The project covered eight studies. The final reports including the integrative report have been submitted to MECO. The publication still is in embargo.

• SME Development in the Globalized Setting: Exploring Areas for Cooperation

Fostering small and medium enterprises (SMEs) is a major objective for economies of any size and in any stage of development. Especially for developing countries, SMEs have a dual crucial role: as a tool for poverty reduction, and as a source of growth and innovation. One cannot fully discuss inclusive growth without examining the role of SMEs and how they are enabled to grow. This paper looked at the areas for cooperation within the APEC framework. It made use of numerous studies already done on SMEs in the Philippines to provide a better context. It presented a brief background of SMEs in the Philippines, examined the factors affecting SME performance (particularly the internal and external barriers they face and the ability to link with the regional/global production network), and discussed the role of innovation. This paper was presented at the 2013 APEC Study Centres Consortium Conference on July 26-27 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

• The Use of FTAs: Evidence from the Philippines and Trade and Investment Policy Review: Philippines

The Philippines has been more cautious in its policy on free trade agreements (FTAs) than other member-states in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), having signed so far only one bilateral agreement (with Japan) in addition to the various

ASEAN+1 agreements. While the government is expected to progressively reduce preferential tariffs to zero, Philippine firms have historically been slow to take advantage of FTAs. This survey reaffirms that awareness and usage of FTA need much improvement among both manufacturing and services firms. Identified as the main source of information for FTAs, government needs to increase the efficiency, scope, and reach of its promotional and technical training programs and rely further on technology to deliver results. These efforts to enhance FTA utilization is directly linked with easing the rules of origin (ROOs) compliance and administration. At the national level, these efforts include reforms toward electronic certificate of origin and self-certification, and its linkage to the national single window. This will improve timelines and ease the entry of micro, small, and medium enterprises. Regional efforts to harmonize ROOs can increase FTA utilization across ASEAN member-countries and pave the way for the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership. The final report was submitted on November 26.

PROJECT IN THE PIPELINE

- **Prospects for Philippine Membership in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)**

A proposal was developed and submitted to DTI and NEDA.

Thesis and Dissertation Assistance Program (TDAP)

- The Secretariat received applications but these were turned down because the topics were outside the scope of the APEC priority areas.
- Reminders and a Call for Proposals were issued to Network members.
- Ms. Marissa Paderon of the Ateneo de Manila University, a TDAP dissertation grantee, submitted an article for the *PIDS Development Research News (DRN)* of her completed study on Trade Liberalization and Trade Performance in Asia: 1974-2008. The article was published in the April-June 2013 issue of the DRN.

Information Dissemination and Publications Program

- **MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS**
 - Focus Group Meeting on Investments (February 27, 2013, Room 208, NEDA sa Makati)
 - PIDS-CIER Meeting on Exploring Philippines-Chinese Taipei Economic Cooperation (March 11, 2013, Room 208, NEDA sa Makati)
 - Focus Group Meeting on Agriculture (April 17, 2013, Room 208, NEDA sa Makati)
 - 17th PASCN General Assembly and Symposium co-organized with Xavier University (June 28, 2013, Xavier University, Cagayan De Oro City)
- **CIRCULATION OF RESEARCH OUTPUTS**
 - Trade Liberalization and Trade Performance in Asia: 1974-2008 by Marissa Maricosa A. Paderon, DRN 2013 Vol. XXXI No. 2:
 - JPEPA Book: Volume 1 has been released last September 2013, Volume II expected to be released 1st Quarter 2014

Networking and Organization Meeting

- APEC Study Centers Consortium Conference (July 26-27, 2013, Jakarta, Indonesia)
- Steering Committee Meeting (February 11, 2013, NEDA sa Makati)

Technical Assistance

- **APEC 2015 Philippine Hosting-Committee on APEC 2015 (AO 36)**
- Provided technical inputs in formulating the APEC 2015 Host priorities to the following committee meetings:
 - Committee on APEC 2015 Host Priorities-Meeting #1 (January 8, 2013, Department of Foreign Affairs)
 - Committee on APEC 2015 Host Priorities-Meeting #2 (February 20, 2013, NEDA sa Makati)
 - Subgroup Meeting on Oceans Sustainability and Food Security (April 2, 2013, Asian Institute of Management)
 - Subgroup Meeting on Infrastructure Development and Connectivity (April 8, 2013, Asian Institute of Management)
 - Subgroup Meeting on Regional Economic Integration (May 9, 2013, Asian Institute of Management)
- Roundtable Discussion: Preparing the Policy Studies for the Priority Areas for APEC 2015 (July 11, 2013, NEDA sa Makati)
- Joint Meeting of the CHEP and the APEC Sectoral Ministerial Coordinating Group (August 5, 2013, Department of Foreign Affairs)
- APEC 2015 Research Project: Finalization of TOR & MOA (August 22, 2013, NEDA sa Makati)
- Meeting with the Bureau of International Trade Relations of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI-BITR) to get some updates and insights on the different areas of interest in APEC (November 21, 2013, DTI-BITR)
- TBAM Cluster Meeting on Regional Economic Integration, Trade and Investment Special Meeting on SME Super Green Lane (December 3, 2013, DTI-BITR)
- Focus group discussion on improving economic opportunities for women and vulnerable populations. Participated by stakeholders: Women Business Council, DFA, DOLE, DTI, NCDA, Life Haven, PCMIVI (December 5, 2013)
- Presentation of Initial Findings and Preliminary Recommendations: APEC 2015 Research Project (December 16, 2013, DFA)
- **PASCN -Foreign Service Institute (FSI) collaboration related to the preparation of APEC 2015 foreign policy papers of FSI cadets**
 - Initial meeting (April 15, 2013, NEDA sa Makati)
 - Meeting #2 (May 15, 2013, NEDA sa Makati)
 - Orientation of FSI Cadets (July 3, 2013, DFA)
 - Meeting #3 (July 16, 2013, NEDA sa Makati)
 - Presentation of FSI Cadets Policy Paper where Dr. Medalla was one of the panelists (November 12, 2013, DFA)
- **PASCN provided technical assistance to network members, government agencies, and private organizations on APEC matters and trade-related topics**
 - Attended the Technical Board on APEC Matters (TBAM) meeting (April 4, 2013, DFA)
 - Meeting with ABAC Re: discuss Philippine Agenda that ABAC Philippines will pursue as the country host the meeting in 2015 (May 20, 2013, AIM, Makati City)
 - Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation-Group on Services (APEC-GOS) symposium on international franchising for SMEs (SWIF SMEs) organized by Philippine Franchise Association (PFA), (July 15-16, 2013, AIM Conference Center)
 - Meeting with ABAC (#2) re: APEC Related Research and Review of APEC and ABAC Research topics (July 17, 2013)
 - APEC Capacity-Building Workshop-Supporting the Philippines 2015 Host Year (December 12-13, 2013)

RESEARCH DISSEMINATION



Linking RESEARCH EVIDENCE and ACTION

PIDS uses innovative ways to transfer research evidence
to its target audience, mainly the policymakers.

At the forefront of this endeavor is the Research Information Staff (RIS), which is behind the Institute's knowledge dissemination program, a strategic and comprehensive package of information and communication approaches that are intended to facilitate the application of research findings in policy and program development. It conducts a wide range of activities designed for effective policy discussions and increased engagement of the different sectors of society in decisionmaking. Thus, its activities do not only target the government, but also the research and academic community, business, international development agencies, civil society, and the media.

RIS fulfills this role through its publications and circulation program and public affairs program. It also handles a number of online/electronic services, which include the SocioEconomic Research Portal for the Philippines (SERP-P) and the PIDS website (www.pids.gov.ph). RIS also utilizes social media tools like Twitter (@PIDS_PH) for announcements, "livetweeting" of PIDS events, and dissemination of publication notices. It maintains and updates the Facebook page of the Institute (facebook.com/PIDS.PH), which features new publication releases and seminars and other events organized by PIDS both in Manila and in the provinces.

Publications and Circulation

Books

The Institute publishes books that delve into important policy concerns in a comprehensive and coherent manner. In 2013, the Institute published four books. The first to be released was the third edition of the PIDS Economic Policy Monitor (EPM). With the theme *Economic Policy Monitor 2012: Regional Economic Integration and Inclusive Growth*, the report contended that, with the establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) in 2015, the country's push for regional economic integration should be complemented by domestic policy reforms in key economic sectors, a strong industrial policy, and effective poverty reduction efforts.

The second publication was authored by Dr. Rosario G. Manasan, PIDS senior research fellow. Titled *Analysis of the President's Budget for 2012: Financing of State Universities and Colleges*, it reviewed the 2012 national budget as well as discussed the efficiency and effectiveness of state universities and colleges (SUCs) in relation to their funding. The study also determined the performance of SUCs in terms of efficiency and productivity in 2006 to 2009 using data envelopment analysis.

The third publication released in 2013 was Volume 1 of *PJEPA: Strengthening the Foundation for Regional Cooperation and Economic Integration*. This joint publication of the Institute and the Philippine APEC Study Center Network (PASCN), with support from the Department of Trade and Industry, examined the potential impacts of the Philippines-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (PJEPA) on the Philippine macroeconomy and key sectors including agriculture, manufacturing and trade, small and medium enterprises, and tourism.

The fourth publication was also authored by Dr. Manasan, titled *Analysis of the President's Budget for 2013: Making Health Spending Inclusive*. The national budget for 2013 had a more balanced budget distribution between social and economic services than the 2012 budget. Accompanying special papers examined the government's policies on health financing.

Research Paper Series

The Institute published two research papers in 2013. An *Assessment of TESDA Scholarship Programs* reviewed the major scholarship programs of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) in terms of internal efficiency (through the drop-out rate) and external efficiency (through the rate of employment) of TESDA's scholars. The second research paper was authored by Dr. Melanie S. Milo, former PIDS senior research fellow. Titled *The ASEAN Economic Community and the Philippines: Implementation, Outcomes, Impacts, and Ways Forward*, it reviewed the status of the country's commitments

PIDS PUBLICATIONS

01. POLICY NOTES

The Policy Notes are observations/analyses written by PIDS researchers on certain policy issues. The treatise is holistic in approach and aims to provide useful inputs for decisionmaking. The Notes are circulated to the highest levels of decisionmakers in the country.

02. DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH NEWS

Development Research News is the quarterly newsletter of PIDS, reporting on the latest findings as well as recommendations of studies and fora conducted by the Institute. It features articles on key national and current issues, research digests, project updates, and a rundown of the latest PIDS publications. News on PIDS activities provide an inside look into the Institute and the people behind it. The main objective of the newsletter is to highlight policy-oriented issues deemed relevant and timely, in a nontechnical manner.

03. DISCUSSION PAPERS

The Discussion Papers are preliminary, unedited, and unreviewed papers circulated on a limited basis for the purpose of eliciting critical comments and suggestions for refinement of the studies. They may eventually graduate into any of the Institute's regular publication series. The Philippine APEC Study Center Network (PASCN) also publishes discussion papers on APEC-related matters.

04. ECONOMIC ISSUE OF THE DAY

The Economic Issue of the Day is a two-page publication which deals with concepts behind certain economic issues. This dissemination outlet aims to define and explain, in simple and easy-to-understand terms, basic economic concepts as they relate to current and everyday economics-related matters.



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05. PHILIPPINE JOURNAL OF DEVELOPMENT

The Philippine Journal of Development, formerly Journal of Philippine Development, is a peer-reviewed journal published twice a year. It publishes articles on various aspects of development particularly on economy, business, public administration, foreign relations, sociology, political dynamics, and other topics that may or may not have policy implications on the Philippines. The target readers include researchers, educators, policymakers, and planners.

06. RESEARCH PAPER SERIES

The Research Paper Series are the final outputs of the research staff. The series is a formal publication meant to promote research, stimulate discussion, and encourage the use of study results. Studies published under this series have been reviewed by an internal publications review committee and by external referees. Studies are original and have not been published in any form and contain the rationale, framework, methodology, conclusions or recommendations, and other relevant information.

07. BOOKS

Books are the ultimate printing outlet of PIDS studies and cater to a broad-based audience or the general public. They deal with various important policy concerns presented in a comprehensive and coherent manner. They include topics of great significance to the body of knowledge in a particular area of development.



under the AEC through the mid-term review of the AEC Blueprint for the Philippines.

Policy Notes Series

For 2013, the Institute published 20 *Policy Notes* (see Annex F-3). These tackled issues on poverty, agriculture, regional trade, health, finance, and natural disasters, among others. In celebration of the 11th Development Policy Research Month themed “*Making Health More Inclusive in a Growing Economy*”, the Institute published four policy notes that looked into specific issues on health services in the Philippines.

Development Research News

The Institute met its publication target of four DRN issues for 2013. The January–March 2013 issue analyzed the Philippines’ economic performance in 2012 and prospects for 2013. The outlook was authored by former PIDS President Dr. Josef T. Yap in collaboration with PIDS Senior Research Fellow Dr. Adoracion Navarro. The economic forecasts were based on macroeconomic trends and developments of the previous year.

The main feature of the April–June 2013 issue highlighted the effects of trade liberalization in Asian developing countries. This issue emphasized that trade policy alone cannot achieve surplus in the balance of trade. Supply-side factors, external shocks and crises, and politics play an important role in attaining surplus in the balance of trade.

The July–September issue featured the 14th Global Development Conference in Manila organized by the Global Development Network (GDN), an international organization dedicated to promoting research capacity in development. It was the first GDN annual conference held in Southeast Asia. PIDS, the East Asian Development Network, and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) collaborated to stage the annual forum at the ADB headquarters in Mandaluyong City. Local and foreign experts discussed ways of achieving inclusive growth for millions of people living in extreme poverty.

The lead feature of the October–December issue discussed the proceedings of the Institute’s 11th Development Policy Research Month (DPRM), which had the theme “*Making Health More Inclusive in a Growing Economy*”. The issue underscored the policies needed for making health more inclusive in the country. This requires increasing public health expenditures to a minimum five percent as suggested by the World Health Organization, from the current 3 to 3.5 percent.

Three DRN 2012 issues in the previous bimonthly format were also published in 2013.

The main feature of the July–August 2012 issue, titled “Rice self-sufficiency=no rice imports: Is it really feasible?” noted that the target of zero rice imports was not feasible and that based on historical performance, rice self-sufficiency by 2013 would still be unattainable for the Philippines.

The September–October 2012 issue provided an overview of the proceedings of the 10th Development Policy Research Month and PIDS’ 35th founding anniversary, including the three-day Research Fair that was participated in by 20 research institutions. This issue also discussed Asia’s model for regional economic integration that centered on the achievement of both economic growth and inclusivity. It also underscored the significant role of small and medium enterprises in stimulating greater innovation for inclusive growth.

The lead feature of the November–December 2012 issue focused on the problems tangled with the Philippine basic

education sector. It discussed the factors that restrict students from completing their primary education as well as maximizing their learning capabilities. The study also identified other issues that hinder the country’s performance in meeting the United Nations’ Millennium Development Goal of achieving universal primary education by 2015.

Philippine Journal of Development

In 2013, the second issue of Volume 37 went off the press. It featured articles tackling regional economic growth convergence, the spillover effects of foreign direct investments on domestic firms, a model for poverty lines and poverty profiling, and total factor productivity of the poultry sector.

The Institute also completed Volume 38, a double issue on international labor migration. Topics of the special volume include irregular migration from Cambodia, migration outflow and remittance patterns in Indonesia, the Philippine experience in international labor migration, foreign labor in Singapore, and emigration and immigration policies in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Economic Issue of the Day

Two issues were released in 2013. The first issue, *Sovereign Credit Ratings*, underscored that achieving investment-grade rating can be regarded as a “seal of good housekeeping” as far as a government’s financial stability is concerned. However, it emphasized that credit ratings are not to be taken as “buy” or “sell” recommendations, as they are merely opinions about credit risk.

The second issue highlights the *ASEAN Economic Community* to be established in 2015 by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. It will be the culmination of years of efforts to integrate the regional economy.

Discussion Paper Series

The Institute released 51 titles under this series (see Annex F-5).

Others

The Institute also started a new dissemination outlet in 2013. This is the PIDS UPDATES, a monthly electronic newsletter sent to the Institute’s various clients via email blast. The main feature of PIDS UPDATES is the IN FOCUS, which highlights an important socioeconomic issue and intends to draw readers’ attention to related research that has already been undertaken by PIDS. Twelve issues were sent via e-blast and uploaded online. Topics featured are regional integration and inclusive growth, a review of the Philippine economy in 2012 and prospects for 2013, education, the fight against poverty, urban development, dealing with disasters and climate change, competition policy, making health more inclusive, agricultural policy research, environment and natural resources management, and fiscal reforms.

Released every first week of the month, PIDS UPDATES also contains a compilation of new publications, press releases, and database updates of the previous month as well as announcements of forthcoming seminars.

In addition, the 2012 *Annual Report*, with the theme “Regional Economic Integration and Inclusive Growth: Engaging Nations, Embracing People”, and an updated PIDS brochure were printed during the period, along with a leaflet about the East Asian Development Network (EADN).

To inform the public of its research mandate, the Institute released the *PIDS Policy Research Agenda 2010-2014*, which highlighted a diverse set of research priorities covering geopolitics, metropolitan issues, infrastructure, industrial policies, small and medium enterprises, conditional cash transfer and social protection, and political economy.

Finally, in support of the 11th DPRM, a news blog was put up on the DPRM website for the benefit of participants and the public. The news blog was constantly updated the whole DPRM month in September to update readers on DPRM events. A total of 16 news blog entries were published.

Distribution, Promotion, and Circulation

The Institute maintained its distribution and circulation program for regular recipients and subscribers, and attended to walk-in clients. The Publications and Public Affairs divisions continued to update the Institute's website to provide clients convenient access through electronic means, and allow for a broader readership. Digital copies of studies were posted regularly on the publications section of the PIDS website. The Institute issued e-mail alerts on new publication releases as part of its promotion and distribution efforts. These updates were also sent through the Institute's official social media accounts on Facebook and Twitter.

Library Development

Through the Institute's Library Development Program, PIDS continued to increase its collection of published PIDS research products and publications from other local and foreign academic and research institutions.

Public Affairs

Events Management

A total of 43 seminars were organized and sponsored by the Institute in 2013. These events include: 5 Roundtable Discussions; 3 Institutional Symposia; 4 Press Conferences; 3 Pulong Saliksikan seminars; 4 Regional Consultation Meetings; 1 PIDS Corner; 16 Network and Project-Related Fora; 6 economic briefings for the House of Representatives Forum Series; and 1 economic briefing for the Senate Economic Forum Series. The details of these activities are given in Annex G.

The joint fora with economic staff of both chambers of Congress give the Institute an opportunity to have direct influence on national policymaking. In 2013, 6 fora co-organized with the Congressional Planning, Budget and Research Department (CPBRD) of the House of Representatives featured PIDS studies on agricultural support services, social protection, conditional cash transfer, housing, industry, and reforestation program. Meanwhile, a symposium with the Senate Economic Planning Office discussed the recommended extension of the *Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino* Program (4Ps) by Dr. Celia Reyes, PIDS senior research fellow.

Media Exposure Monitor

The Institute gained substantial media exposures in national and regional newspapers, broadcast companies, and online media in 2013.

The Institute monitored a record-setting 507 media exposures related to the Institute's studies and activities. The Institute, its studies, and research staff figured in the news of various national and even international news networks and agencies. Notable news media organizations such as *BusinessWorld*, *Business Mirror*, *SunStar*, *Manila Standard Today*, *the Daily Tribune*, *Malaya*, *Manila Bulletin*, *Philippine Star*, *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, and their online platforms served as the Institute's active partners in research communication. Major broadcast stations also covered and featured PIDS events and media advisories on the Institute's activities and research outputs.

SocioEconomic Research Portal for the Philippines (SERP-P)

By the end of 2013, the SERP-P has 5,210 documents (research studies, books, journal articles, policy notes, discussion papers, etc.). A total of 228 documents were added into the portal in 2013, 75 percent of which were from PIDS and the rest were contributed by six active members, namely, NEDA Region 1, NEDA Region 8, University of San Carlos, Silliman University, CPBRD, and ADB.

To further promote the portal, the SERP-P staff conducted road shows in 2013. Eight presentations were held for various agencies/events.

The project's electronic newsletter for its member-institutions was also started in 2013. Three issues of SERP-P News were released. Aside from news about the project and updates from the members, SERP-P News has the SocioEconomic Issue on Spotlight that highlights an important socioeconomic issue and related studies conducted by the SERP-P member-institutions within the last five years. Three Spotlights were released in 2013, tackling food security, health care services, and disaster risk management.

A new feature on the SERP-P website called Social Science Researchers Directory was added in December 2013. Built from the submission of the member-institutions, the directory is a listing of social science researchers and their institutional affiliation and expertise. It is aimed at promoting closer interaction and knowledge exchange among researchers in the social sciences, and more systematic flow of information and better coordination in developing research proposals and crafting recommendations for future research and policymaking.

Lastly, SERP-P was one of eight projects/programs in developing countries invited by the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex, to join the Global Open Knowledge Hub Project, a new international partnership that seeks to improve the availability and accessibility of development research from the Global South. The invitation resulted from a tender submitted by PIDS-SERP-P staff in response to a call for proposals issued by IDS. Aside from PIDS-SERP-P, the project includes the International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre, Practical Action Latin America Regional Office, GDNNet, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Soul Beat Africa, and Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme. The global project will run until 2016.

PIDS Seminars

PIDS organizes and sponsors various fora to provide the proper venues for researchers to present, discuss, and disseminate their research findings to various agencies and institutions, especially the policymakers. These fora delve on issues that may not be part of a completed or ongoing PIDS study but are otherwise critical components of the country's overall development thrust. By focusing on these issues, the Institute is able to immediately respond to the growing demands of the concerned sectors even before it actually undertakes a comprehensive study.



Pulong Saliksikan

The most common venue is the *Pulong Saliksikan sa PIDS* where one or two researchers present findings of their own ongoing and/or just-completed studies to a select audience. Discussions center around the methodologies of the research, the initial findings, operational matters, and other issues that are relevant to the research. This venue also aims to attract foreign research fellows to visit PIDS.

Roundtable Discussions

Roundtable discussions differ from the *Pulong Saliksikan sa PIDS* in terms of the number of expected participants, more formality in the conduct of the activity, and the presence of a number of discussants or panelists. The roundtable discussions may either be a network-related or a project-related forum.

Project-related Fora

The Institute also provides venues for discussion for its various projects funded through internal or external sources. Project-related fora encourage the participation of representatives from other involved agencies.

Network-related Fora

Network-related fora are joint undertakings with other members of the PIDS network. The discussion may focus on a joint activity or presentation of findings undertaken by researchers from both organizations.

Legislators Forum Series

This is a discussion forum with members of the House of Representatives and their technical staff on key policies to help them in formulating their legislative programs.

Senate Staff Forum Series

A discussion forum for members of the Senate technical staff, this series aims to update them on recent research results on key policy issues of legislative interest.



11th Development Policy Research Month: **Making Health More Inclusive in a Growing Economy**

To cultivate a “culture of research and research use” among decisionmakers and the general public, Presidential Proclamation No. 247 designated every September as Development Policy Research Month (DPRM). The proclamation underscored the “need for promoting, enhancing, instilling, and drawing awareness and appreciation of the importance and necessity of policy research”.

Under the same proclamation, the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), being in the forefront of policy research in the country, was designated as the overall coordinator of all the programs and activities in the yearly observance of the DPRM.

The DPRM is a month-long celebration highlighting the importance of policy research and evidence-based policies in national development. The yearly thematic focus of the DPRM deals with national issues needing utmost attention and support from the government and other sectors. The inaugural DPRM in 2003 focused on the importance of policy research. In succeeding years, the DPRM theme featured rice and food security policy, economic competitiveness, local governance, international labor migration, climate variability and change, poverty alleviation,

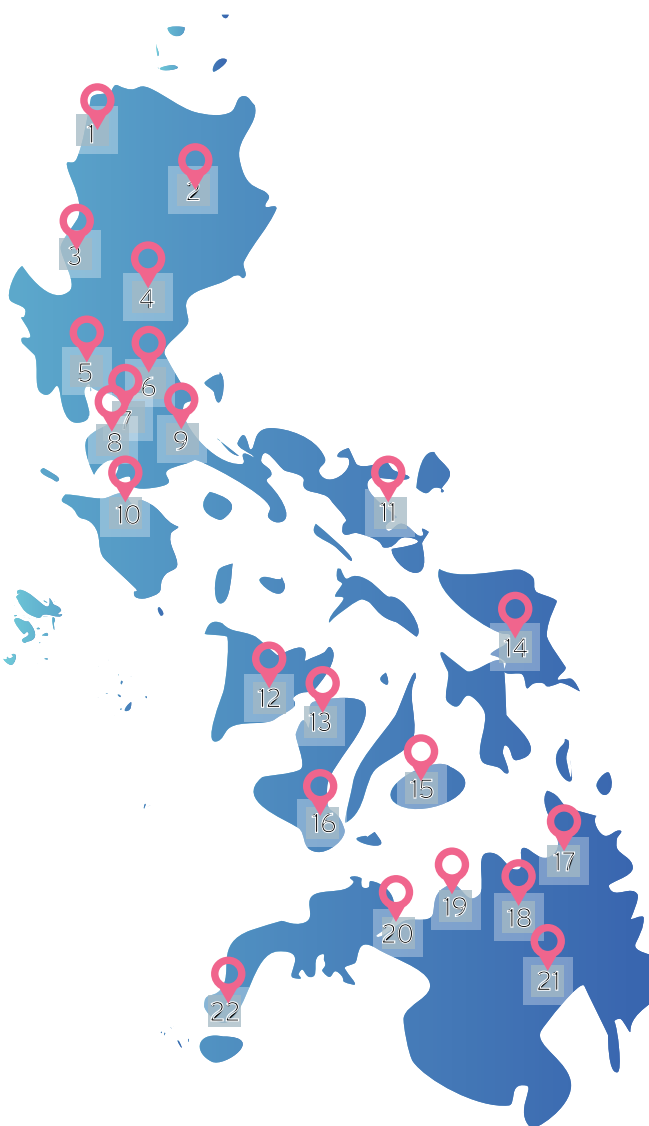
education for development, and regional economic integration and inclusive growth.

The 11th DPRM’s theme was “Making Health More Inclusive in a Growing Economy” to underscore the myriad of challenges the Philippines is facing to achieve inclusive health despite a rapid economic growth. It underscored the need to close the gap between the richest and the poorest Filipino in terms of health financing and access to adequate and quality health care services.

Joining PIDS in the 2013 DPRM Steering Committee are the National Economic and Development Authority, Philippine Information Agency, Civil Service Commission, Presidential Management Staff, Department of Health, Philippine Health Insurance Corporation, Asia Pacific Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, World Health Organization, and Center for Health Market Innovations.

Annex H lists the different organizations that supported and participated in the 2013 DPRM activities.

- 1** Mariano Marcos State University
Batac City, Ilocos Norte
- 2** Cagayan State University Library
Carig, Tuguegarao City
- 3** University of the Philippines, Baguio City
- 4** Central Luzon State University Library
Science City of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija
- 5** Knowledge for Development Center
House of Representatives, Quezon City
- 6** University of Rizal System Antipolo City
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- 7** De La Salle University
Dasmariñas City, Cavite
- 8** Dasmariñas Public Library
Dasmariñas City, Cavite
- 9** Southern Luzon State University Library
Lucban, Quezon Province
- 10** City College of Calapan Library, Oriental Mindoro
- 11** Bicol University Library, Legazpi City, Albay
- 12** Central Philippines University Library
Iloilo City, Iloilo
- 13** Bacolod City Public Library
Bacolod City, Negros Occidental
- 14** Eastern Visayas State University Library
Tacloban City, Leyte
- 15** Bohol Provincial Library and Information Center
Tagbilaran City, Bohol
- 16** Silliman University Library, Dumaguete City
- 17** Butuan City Public Library, Butuan City, Agusan Del Norte
- 18** NEDA 10 Knowledge Center, Cagayan De Oro City
- 19** Bukidnon State University Library, Malaybalay, Bukidnon
- 20** Mindanao State University Library, Marawi City
- 21** University of Southeastern Philippines, Davao City
- 22** Western Mindanao State University, Zamboanga City
- 23** Palawan State University, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan



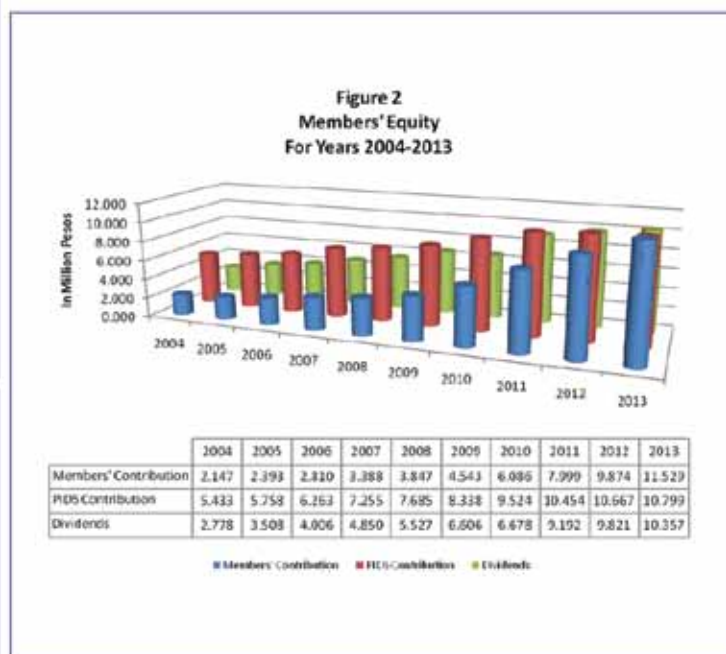
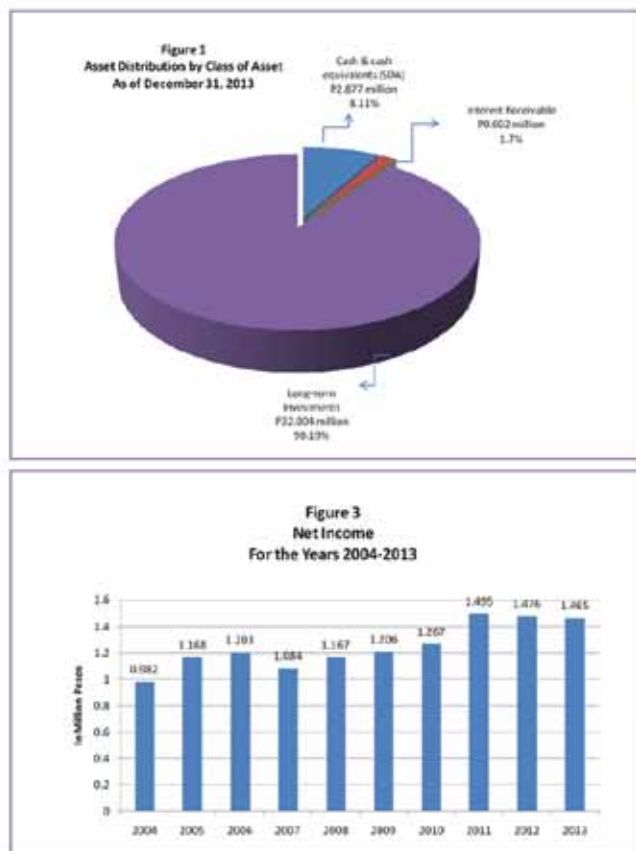
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MAKING RESEARCH OUTPUTS MORE ACCESSIBLE

The Institute launched the "PIDS Corners" in 2007 as a dissemination strategy to make the results and findings of its research studies more accessible at the local and community levels. Aside from making development-oriented research available in localities and communities outside of Metro Manila, the Corners aim to contribute to the socioeconomic education of people in localities with limited access to development and policy-oriented materials.

2013 saw the inauguration of a new PIDS Corner at the Western Mindanao State University, Zamboanga City. There are now 23 PIDS Corners located across the country.

PIDS PROVIDENT FUND



The PIDS Provident Fund was established on April 29, 1999 and registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on January 25, 2000. The Fund's main sources are the contributions of its members and counterpart contributions of PIDS. Earnings from its investment operations are distributed to the members as benefits.

PIDS provided PHP 2 million seed money to the Fund through PIDS Board Resolution No. 97-05 series of 1997 dated July 24, 1997. The PIDS Provident Fund, Inc. was conceived to complement the GSIS and Pag-Ibig Fund benefits of PIDS employees. Its primary objective is to provide additional benefits to retired/resigned/separated PIDS employees.

As of December 31, 2013, the Fund has a total membership of 76 permanent PIDS member-employees and 3 co-terminous PASCN employees.

The 13th Annual Members' Meeting of the PIDS Provident Fund held on April 16, 2013 at the Romulo Hall of the NEDA sa Makati Building was highlighted by the following activities: (1)

presentation of the annual report and audited financial statements by the Fund President; (2) proposed declaration of dividends; and (3) election of level representatives to the Board of Trustees.

The PIDS Provident Fund issued the accumulated balance of members' contribution and Fund's contribution and dividend notice via email in lieu of the intranet website and online information system. The Fund is coordinating with the PIDS-Management Information Staff for the reconstruction of the intranet website system to allow each member to check accumulated balances on real time.

For calendar year 2013, the Fund paid provident fund benefits worth PHP 3.260 million to six employees who resigned/retired from PIDS (Ms. Maricris Ricana, Ms. Lorraine Bolanos, Mr. Mario C. Feranil, Dr. Josef T. Yap, Ms. Eden P. Realto, and Dr. Rouselle F. Lavado).

The Fund also distributed dividends in the total amount of PHP 0.188 million to qualified members of the Fund pursuant to Section 7, Amendment No. 4 of the By-Laws of the Fund.

In terms of financial position, the Fund's assets increased by 7.24 percent from PHP 33.088 million in 2012 to PHP 35.484 million in 2013. Figure 1 shows how the Fund's assets were distributed among cash and cash equivalent, accrued interest receivable, short-term investments, and long-term investments.

PIDS leads successful hosting of 14th Annual Global Development Conference



June of 2013 was an exceptionally busy month for PIDS but nevertheless productive, successful, and historic.

The Research and Support Staff of the Institute pulled all the stops to a successful hosting of the 14th Global Development Conference at the headquarters of the Asian Development Bank in Mandaluyong City. It was the first time for a Southeast Asian country to host the world's premiere development forum under the auspices of the Global Development Network (GDN). The prestigious conference, which gathered about 400 researchers and development practitioners from around the world, was held at the juncture of the Philippines' high economic growth and persistent social inequality—precisely the challenge that GDN seeks to address.

For three days, development experts discussed, debated, and disseminated leading-edge research. No less than President Benigno S. Aquino III delivered the keynote address.

"The difficulty is that while the problems may be universal, the solutions are not. Each region, each country, each city and town has its own reality, and the solutions they come up with must be tailored-fit to local conditions," he said. The President stressed the need to achieve inclusive growth. "We cannot have a society where a few flourish and the rest must make do with crumbs. We must have inclusive growth. This is nothing less than a fair deal, a running start for all, with interventions by the government where it matters and will do the most good," Aquino said.

Dr. Josef T. Yap, then concurrent head of EADN and PIDS, said one reason Philippine growth has not been inclusive is that the country had leapfrogged into a service economy without going through extensive industrialization. Positive developments are only at the macro level, and "relatively high poverty incidence and persistent inequality remain important concerns."

At the conclusion of the 14th Global Development Conference, it was asserted that inclusive growth remains the goal, but the scope is still very wide on how best to achieve it.

The world's top development researchers will continue to grapple with this critical issue and how inclusivity should dovetail with inequality and social protection beyond the Manila conference.



PIDSEA in 2013

THE PIDS EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (PIDSEA) IS THE OFFICIAL EMPLOYEES' ORGANIZATION OF THE INSTITUTE. PIDSEA HAS FOR ITS PRIMARY GOAL THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF THE EMPLOYEES' RIGHTS, WELFARE, AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH.

The PIDS Employees Association is the official employees organization of PIDS. Its membership is primarily made up of the hardworking and dedicated rank-and-file employees of the Institute. As of 2013, it has 62 members. The primary goal of the association is the promotion and protection of employees' rights, welfare, and professional growth. To fulfill this important mandate, PIDSEA, through the cooperation of PIDS management, organizes various activities to foster the spirit of camaraderie and team spirit among its members.



In 2013, the Institute conducted a Planning Workshop at Palm Beach Resort, Laiya, Batangas, from May 22 to 23. PIDSEA took charge in organizing a mini-sports fest and teambuilding activities which were well received and participated by the employees.

PIDSEA has always played an active role in the celebration of the Institute's founding anniversary. For PIDS' 35th year, PIDSEA organized an Employees Day held in the afternoon of September 26. Some PIDS senior officials took time to play and have fun with the employees in the bowling tournament.

The Association also organized a Halloween Bingo party which was originally planned as a fundraising event for the PIDSEA Christmas party. However, seeing the suffering of those affected by Typhoon Yolanda, PIDSEA cancelled the Christmas party and donated the proceeds of the bingo games to the Philippine Red Cross. It also embarked on a relief goods drive for the typhoon victims.

All of these activities would not have been possible without the untiring support of PIDS management, the dedication of PIDSEA's officers, and the cooperation of its members.

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ANNEX D: LIST OF COMPLETED RESEARCH PROJECTS

(January-December 2013)

The Institute completed a total of 57 studies from January to December 2013.

PROJECT TITLE	DESCRIPTION	AUTHOR/S
Grants-in-Aid for Research, Development and Extension (RDE) for State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) Project		
This project addresses the need to upgrade the institutional capability of state universities and colleges (SUCs) and provide quality higher education for generating/adapting/transferring technologies in order to enhance productivity, alleviate poverty, and further improve the country's competitiveness.		
1. Industry-Academe Collaboration for Research	This is one of the component studies under the PIDS-CHED project on Grants-in-Aid for Research, Development and Extension (RDE) for State Universities and Colleges (SUCs). The study provides the history and current state of Industry-Academe collaboration for research in the country. Using Philippine experience and drawing from experiences of other countries, the study identifies the enabling and hindering factors for Industry-Academe collaboration in research in the country.	Reynaldo Veja
2. Review of Laws and Bills Pertaining to Scholarship Programs	This study provides a review of the laws and bills pertaining to scholarship grants and programs as well as recommendation for enabling laws for social assistance reforms. The study contributes to one of PIDS-CHED project objectives on examining if subsidies can be used more cost effectively to achieve increased access to better quality HE, greater inclusivity and improved research outputs.	Hope Patagan
3. Promoting High Quality Research Production in Universities	This component study seeks to clarify imperatives in the governance and stewardship of research and development in the Philippines in order to increase research outputs of high quality. Particularly, the research seeks to understand both the internal motivations and external environments by which researchers operate in order to produce cutting-edge research. Among other things, this study expects to provide indicators of research performance as well as a rational and commensurate incentive scheme that will catalyze research productivity in State Colleges and Universities.	Raul Fabella
Zero-Based Budgeting (ZBB) Studies		
4. ZBB Studies for the FY 2013 Budget Preparation	The Department of Budget and Management collaborated with PIDS in the conduct of various studies under the Zero-Based Budgeting approach of programs and projects of the government for the preparation of the FY 2013 National Budget.	
5. Assessment of Cadastral Survey Program of DENR	This paper assessed the Cadastral Survey Program by: (1) reviewing processes and procedures involved in the conduct of cadastral surveys to determine the cause of implementation delays; (2) reviewing the existing institutional set-up to determine if there are overlaps in the surveys done by different government agencies; and (3) assessing the accomplishments of the cadastral survey program and estimating the number of year(s) and funding requirements needed for doing the remaining planned surveys.	Gilberto Llanto Maureen Rosellon
6. Assessment of Programs Offered by SUCs	This study aims to: (i) review and assess the programs being offered by State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) vis-à-vis their mandates, the courses being offered by other SUCs in the region, and the quality of graduates produced, and (ii) given the findings, to recommend courses of action to improve the relevance and quality of course offerings of the SUCs. Due to time constraints, the study focused on four selected regions, namely: Region IV-A, Region VII, Region XI, and Region VI.	Rosario Manasan
7. Review of Resettlement Program of NHA	The objective of this paper is to examine conditions for an effective and efficient implementation of resettlement programs. The review focuses on the recent operations of NHA specifically covering the period between 2003 and 2011. This period coincides with one of the largest resettlement projects of NHA involving about 93,000 families for the North and South Rail infrastructure project. Based on results of analysis, it is recommended that the most effective and efficient approach to resettlement is a combined approach of in-city and incremental housing.	Marife Ballesteros
8. Assessment of Reforestation Program of DENR	The main purpose of the study is to determine if the reforestation program of the DENR over the years has been successful in attaining its stated objectives and in mitigating the adverse impacts of climate change on forest resources and the natural environment. The study found the following: (i) At the national level, the reforestation program of the DENR has only partially attained its replanting targets; (ii) Also at the national level, it appears to have become relatively inefficient in the conduct of replanting activities over the years; and (iii) At the individual site level, it may have been effective to some degree in increasing incomes and livelihood opportunities, improving the natural resource and environmental situation and achieving the other objectives of reforestation in many areas.	Danilo Israel

9. Cost Efficiency and Effectiveness of Sitio or Household Electrification Program	The study assessed the cost efficiency and effectiveness of the National Electrification Administration's Sitio Electrification Program (NEA-SEP) and the Department of Energy's Household Electrification Program (DOE-HEP). The study team found out that the current design and implementation of the SEP and the HEP can still be improved. Recommendations include: (1) targeting for the SEP be based on household connections rather than sitios; (2) monitoring of accomplishments go down to the household level for both the HEP and the SEP; and (3) the social preparation and community-organizing component in the institutional arrangement for the SEP be strengthened.	Adoracion Navarro
10. Impact Assessment of Agricultural Production Support Services of the DA on the Income of Poor Farmers/Fisherfolks	Production support for input subsidies has been controversial; the new administration has officially ended such schemes, but it continues to maintain commodity programs and sustain the budget expansion for production support. Given the various interventions provided by the DA to achieve the twin objectives of inclusive growth and poverty reduction, the study will assess which is the more effective intervention: inputs subsidy, rural infrastructure/ other structures, or other forms of assistance in order to increase the income of poor farmers/fisherfolks.	Roehlano Briones
11. Assessment of Philippine Foreign Service Posts of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Various Departments	In line with the government's policy pronouncement on zero-based budgeting (ZBB), the study targets two objectives for the evaluation by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM). First, it aims to suggest ways to optimize the utilization of scarce resources available to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines in the conduct of its foreign relations especially as they relate to the: (a) operation of existing posts, (b) creation of foreign services posts (FSPs), and (c) management and utilization of the International Commitment Funds (ICF).	Federico Macaranas

Philippine-Chinese Taipei Economic Cooperation Agreement (PH-CT ECA) Feasibility Study

12. The Political-Diplomatic Aspect of a Philippine-Chinese Taipei Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement. (ECFA)	This study examines the bigger picture of the Taiwan--China Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA) and the feasibility of a Philippine-Chinese Taipei ECFA. It notes that Taiwan and China negotiated and signed the ECFA as a means of lowering tension in the Taiwan Strait through the development of cross-strait economic relations.	Renato Cruz De Castro
13. Increasing Taiwanese investments in the Philippines	This paper seeks to provide a background information for Philippine negotiators for the RP-Taiwan bilateral FTA negotiations. It discusses the trend of Taiwanese investments in the Philippines and in Asia, assesses top investment sectors across various destination markets and the extent of Philippine participation in global value chains that hinge upon Taiwanese investments. The paper presents data on the motivation of the investments from Taiwan which can have a bearing on the choice of location thereby helping the Philippines prepare to address policy-related changes that are necessary to attract more investments from Taiwan and other countries to the Philippines.	Gloria Pasadilla
14. Exploring an Economic Cooperation Agreement in Agriculture with Chinese Taipei	The Philippines and Chinese Taipei desire to have an Economic Cooperation Agreement in Agriculture. On September 30, 2005, the two countries signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Agriculture and Fishery. Salient points of the MOU include the establishment of a mechanism to enhance institutional capabilities to comply with relevant international sanitary and phytosanitary standards (SPS) and the encouragement of joint venture activities. However, market access of Philippine fruits remains blocked since SPS concerns remain unresolved.	Amelia Bello
15. Issues and Prospects on the Movement of Natural Persons and Temporary Migration in the Philippine-Chinese Taipei Economic Partnership	Since the Philippines is a major supplier of temporary migrant workers, from semi-skilled to high-skilled labor services, throughout the world, it has become convenient for the country to equate the movement of natural persons (MNP; Mode 4) with temporary labor migration in discussions on trade accords. In this light, a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between Chinese-Taipei and the Philippines is crucial to secure Chinese-Taipei as a job market for Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW).	Tereso Tullao
16. An Analysis Of Offensive And Defensive Interests Of The Philippines In The Non-Food/ Non-Agricultural Sector For The Trade In Goods Component Of The Proposed Philippine-Chinese Taipei Economic Cooperation Agreement (ECA)	The study develops a framework for specifying the offensive and defensive interests of the Philippines for the prospective Philippines-Chinese Taipei Economic Cooperation Agreement (ECA). The study is also an attempt to gauge the economic feasibility of an ECA with Chinese Taipei from the perspective of the Philippines. A database has been set up to carry out simulations encapsulating the interactions of key economic variables. Sets of offensive and defensive lists will be generated according to defined specifications of the simulation.	George Manzano

Management of Health Policy Fellowship Program

The health policy fellowship program is a component of the DOH Health System Research Management Grant to PIDS. Under the project, PIDS engages ten fellows to train, and at the same time deliver specific technical and research outputs for the Department of Health. The fellowship program is intended as primarily a training program, but each fellow will be required to produce agreed-upon research and related deliverables, which include research paper, policy analysis, work, financial plan analysis and other technical reports requested by DOH, and monthly progress report.

17. Compliance of Local Government Units with the Annual Operation Plan Development Guidelines for Investment Plan for Health in the Philippines	Under this program, the Fellow worked on a mini research paper on Compliance of Local Government Units with the Annual Operation Plan Development Guidelines for Investment Plan for Health in the Philippines. This research aims to assess the compliance of local government units (LGUs) with the submission and development guidelines of Annual Operational Plan (AOP) for Investment Plan for Health (IPH) in the Philippines in 2012.	Aileen Rocha
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18. Performance of DOH-Retained Hospitals in the Philippines	The national government has been aiming for the provision of essential health services that are accessible, affordable, and equitable. With the LGU Code of 1991, DOH retained 45 hospitals nationwide and in 2011, with the exclusion of drug abuse treatment and rehabilitation centers, 21 renationalized and 4 new hospitals were added to the list: 51 hospitals were classified as general and 19 are specialty hospitals. Aside from accessibility, people seek quality health care when getting medical attention while health providers use quality care to increase their market share. However, perception of quality differs between patients and health providers.	Honey Bontile
19. Factors Influencing PhilHealth Coverage and In-patient Benefit Utilization of Filipino Children under Five	Under this Fellowship program, Ms. Puyat worked on the factors influencing PhilHealth coverage and in-patient benefit utilization of Filipino Children under five. According to the 2008 National Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS) report, children under five are more likely to use in-patient care than other age groups. These children are not only more vulnerable to getting sick, but are also at risk of incurring high health expenditures if they are without health insurance. Using the 2008 NDHS dataset, this study focused on the coverage and in-patient benefit utilization of children under five, who are dependents of the PhilHealth. Unique to this analysis was the shift in focus of coverage and utilization from the traditional angle of primary members to the dependents.	Ma. Elizabeth Angeline Puyat
20. An Assessment of the Outpatient HIV/AIDS Treatment Package Provided by the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation	The Fellow wrote a Discussion Paper on the assessment of the Outpatient HIV/AIDS Treatment Package provided by the PHIC. The results of this study show that there is a need to enhance the OHAT package, as this is not fully utilized despite the increasing number of people living with HIV/AIDS who are in need of treatment. Addressing underutilization and retention among PHIC members will involve expanding coverage benefits to patients at different stages of the disease, increasing patient awareness, and improving claims processes. However, expanding access to treatment must also be coupled with preventive programs for HIV at the primary care level to maximize the benefits of this intervention and minimize financial out-of-pocket.	Issa Marie Reyes Lao
21. Epidemiological Assessment of Fires in the Philippines, 2010-2012	The Fellow wrote a Discussion Paper on the Epidemiological Assessment of Fires in the Philippines. Fires are the most costly preventable emergency in the Philippines but are relatively unstudied. A 2012 study done by the Department of Health - Health Emergency Management Staff (DOH-HEMS) revealed that fires constituted 39 percent of all events reported to the Health Emergency Alert Reporting System (HEARS) from 2005 to 2009 and caused 263 deaths and 749 injuries. The epidemiology of fires and fire-related casualties in the Philippines from 2010 to 2012 was assessed.	Gloria Velasco
22. Political Mapping on the Amendments of the Philippine Midwifery Act of 1992- HOUSE BILL NO. 6343 AND SENATE BILL NO. 747	Under the program, the Fellow worked on the study entitled, "Political Mapping on the Amendments of Midwifery Act of 1992", which aims to evaluate concerned stakeholders and legislators on their current stand or position on the proposed policy including their commitment and underlying interests for advocacy and immediate enactment of House Bill No. 6343 and Senate Bill No. 747 into law.	Jay Dulay
23. A Descriptive Study of Quality Assurance Issuances between the Periods of FOURmula One for Health and Universal Health Care	The Fellow was assigned to work on the mini research paper on "A Descriptive Study of Quality Assurance Issuances between the Periods of FOURmula One for Health and Universal Health Care." The research seeks to describe the quality assurance programs of the Department of Health as part of the comprehensive health initiated from the period of FOURmula One until present (UHC) in terms of subject of emphasis, scope, and direction.	Cristina Roque
24. Determination of Factors Affecting Variations in Prices of Procured Medicines among DOH-retained Hospitals	The purpose of this research is to determine factors causing variations in procured prices of medicines among forty (40) DOH-retained hospitals. The study compared mean prices of selected generic medicines among forty (40) DOH-retained hospitals across the country.	Menina Santiago
25. Research process impediments in the Department of Health: an assessment of structure and operations	Under the program, the Fellow worked on a mini research paper on Research Process Impediments in the Department of Health: An Assessment of Structure and Operations. The study found out that while research is taking ground in health policy, the Department of Health (DOH) is still experiencing difficulties in conducting research. This paper tracks these difficulties by anchoring the structural barriers to the operational processes within the selected bureaus and programs of the Department.	Renz Adrian Calub
Health Systems Research Management in the Department of Health		
26. Analyses of the Individually Paying Program and Employed Program of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth)	The study looks at the coverage level of the Employed Program and the Individually Paying Program (IPP) of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth). For employed program, included are those in the government and private sectors with a formal employer-employee relationship. Coverage levels for both the government and private sectors are promising with regional averages of 74 percent and 71 percent, respectively; and provincial averages of 80 percent and 75 percent, respectively. On the other hand, IPP program caters to those in the informal sector and those without a formal employer-employee relationship.	Denise Valerie Silfverberg
27. Analysis of the coverage of PhilHealth's Sponsored Program	This study established the breadth of socialized Philippine health insurance, known as the PhilHealth Sponsored Program. It examined the extent of coverage relative to its target "poor" population, how much coverage rates varied across provinces and the factors likely to explain variation. PhilHealth Sponsored Program appeared to have attained universal coverage over the targeted "poor" population at the national level for the year 2011. However, universal coverage was not true in all regions or provinces. Majority of provinces experienced mild to extreme leakages in the program.	Raymunda Silfverberg

28. The Impact of the Cheaper Medicines Act on Households in Metro Manila: A Qualitative Study	The study aims to find out knowledge, attitudes, and practices (KAP) related to the Cheaper Medicines Act among households from 3 socioeconomic classes (SECs): low income, middle income, and high income. The study also examined the impact of the key provisions and implementation of the Cheaper Medicines Act among households from 3 SECs.	Eleanora De Guzman
Comprehensive Industry Plan and Sectoral Roadmaps		
29. Agro-Industrial Roadmap	The study argues that agricultural development is key to inclusive growth. The accelerating pace of economic growth in the Philippines will not translate into inclusive, sustainable growth if agricultural development is neglected. Agricultural development involves accelerating productivity growth in major commodities. It also requires structural transformation in agriculture itself, from traditional to high-value crops, as well as product upgrading. Such transformation entails increasing linkages between farm production, agricultural services, industrial inputs, and agroprocessing. In short, agricultural transformation must encompass the entire agro-industrial complex.	Roehlano Briones
FTA RCEP Studies		
30. FTA Comparison (Phase 3) + Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)	The study focuses on the use of FTAs in the Philippines and carry out a firm survey to gain broader insights and gain better understanding of the extent of use of FTAs in the country as well as identify the constraints preventing firms from using such.	Rafaelita Aldaba
31. Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Utilization and Availment in the Philippines [Subcomponent study of FTA Comparison (Phase 3) + Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)]	To provide sound empirical basis for the analysis, a questionnaire survey was conducted on business establishments. The survey asked establishments about the usage of FTAs, the processes and impediments involved, as well as solicit feedback for further improvements in the administration of existing FTAs.	Rafaelita Aldaba Fatima Del Prado NSO
ZBB Studies for the FY 2014 Budget Preparation		
32. Study of the Efficiency of the Quick Response Funds in the DND and Various Departments (DSWD, DPWH, DA and DepEd)	The study assessed the process of quick response fund (QRF) allocation, administration, and implementation under the various executive departments with cognizance of national disaster risk reduction management (DRRM) imperatives. It further touched on the inventory of the line agencies' available assets for disaster response and rehabilitation. Administration details that make up the processes of program planning, fund availment, and control within DND, DSWD, DPWH, DepEd, and DA as well as how DRRM resources complemented each other were looked into.	Sonny Domingo
33. Comparative Study: Purchase or Lease of Motor Vehicles for Government	To contain expenditure growth in provision of government motor vehicles, the study looks for a more economical and cost-effective approach to fleet acquisition and management, and leasing is one alternative being seriously considered. It will determine if the long-term lease for government as one entity is the most cost-efficient as against direct purchase considering the huge costs to government, aside from the possibility that procurement may not have been well-managed.	Gilberto Llanto Fatima Del Prado
34. Innovation Between and Within Supply Chain: Empirical Study of Tracing Local and Global Production-Knowledge Network in East Asia	The main objectives of the research project are to measure causal impacts of organizational capacity and inter-firm learning on performances of local firm and SMEs; and to better understand why many firms cannot be involved in international production networks and what can be done to promote the entering into international production networks.	Josef Yap Fatima Del Prado Donald Yasay Veredigna Ledda
35. Innovation Between and Within Supply Chain: Tracing Local and Global Production-Knowledge Network in ASEAN and East Asia: Survey in the Philippines	The study on Innovation Between and Within Supply Chain: Tracing Local and Global Production-Knowledge Network in ASEAN and East Asia entails the conduct of survey involving sample of not less than 233 respondents in CALABARZON. This will provide information towards the measurement of casual impacts of organizational capacity and inter-firm learning on performances of local firms and SMEs.	Josef Yap NSO
36. PJEPA Initial Ex-Post Review	While it is too early to undertake rigorous quantitative analysis on the impact of the Philippines-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (PJEPA) on the Philippines, this initial ex-post study concludes that based on several key indicators the country has not suffered major adjustment costs because of the PJEPAs. There is also evidence to show that the Philippines was able to secure concessions comparable to other partner-countries of Japan in similar EPAs. The study echoes earlier research that indicated the short-run impact of the PJEPAs on GDP would be small but the dynamic benefits could be very significant. On the whole, indicators are positive, although more could be done especially in terms of labor protection, attracting Japanese investments, and taking advantage of the cooperation elements of the agreement.	Erlinda Medalla
37. Regional Integration, Inclusive Growth and Poverty: Enhancing Employment Opportunities for the Poor	This paper examines how we can improve our record on poverty reduction by looking at how we can generate greater demand for the labor services of the poor. Specifically, this paper looks into the linkage between regional production networks and inclusive growth in the Philippines through employment generation for the poor. The manufacturing sector can provide employment opportunities for the poor and can offer relatively higher wages. However, expected high-productivity employment opportunities from the manufacturing sector were not fully realized due to some bottlenecks in the sector. This partly explains the persistence of poverty in the Philippines.	Celia Reyes Aubrey Tabuga

38. Promoting Inclusive Growth through the 4Ps (Assessment of the 4Ps using APIS 2011)	The year 2013 marks the fifth year of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) implementation in the country since its inception in 2008. As program graduation nears, many questions arise of what to expect from this program. It is rather fitting at this point to draw together assessments that have been conducted so far and to look into some important issues in terms of design and implementation. The paper seeks to answer whether expanding the program would likely yield better results or not. It discusses the outstanding issues most especially those on the aspects that have a bearing on the program's ability to facilitate inclusive growth.	Celia Reyes Aubrey Tabuga
39. Liberalization, Transition and Industrial Upgrading Strategy	The paper aims to review our trade liberalization policy and its contribution to the country's industrial growth and performance. After more than twenty years of liberalization, the overall performance of the manufacturing industry has been weak, growth has been slow, and contribution to value added and employment has been limited. Total factor productivity growth declined from 1996 to 2006. The industrial structure has remained "hollow" or "missing" in the middle and medium enterprises have never seriously challenged the large entrenched incumbents.	Rafaelita Aldaba
40. Analysis of the 2013 President's Budget	This study presents an evaluation of the National Expenditure Program for 2013. First, this paper projects that the fiscal targets set out in the Budget of Expenditures and Sources of Financing (BESF) for 2013 are likely to be met. Second, although a more balanced distribution of the budget between the social services and economic services sectors is emphasized in the 2013 National Expenditure Program, the services sector still accounts for more than half of the increase in expenditure program in 2013. Finally, the improving debt profile of the country will continue in 2013. National government borrowing will continue to be biased in favor of domestic borrowings.	Rosario Manasan
41. Independent Validation of the SBM Grants under Support to Philippine Basic Education Reforms (SPHERE) for the FY 2011	DepEd commissioned PIDS to conduct an independent study to validate the processes undertaken by the different administrative levels of DepEd in the awarding of the School-Based Management (SBM) grants. For FY 2011, a total of P57 Million was allocated to ten divisions and released to the divisions from February to May 2012. This study was conducted to establish DepEd's compliance to the loan and grant agreement cited above.	Aniceto Orbeta, Jr. Vicente Paqueo Victoria Catibog Riza Halili
42. Prospects for a Philippines-European Union Free Trade Agreement (PH-EU FTA). Integrative Chapter	The general objective of this research is three-fold. First, to conduct an independent research on the feasibility and desirability of establishing a Philippines-European Union FTA. Second, to provide inputs for negotiation should an FTA initiative prosper and be pursued. Third, to encourage and facilitate capability-building and networking activities in support of these objectives. In the conduct of research, specific objectives are as follows: (1) to provide an overview of the economic ties between the Philippines and the European Union; (2) to identify and examine the critical economic and social issues in entering into a bilateral agreement with the European Union; (3) to analyze the economic, social, and process impact of a Philippines-EU FTA. Specific studies to address these objectives are identified in Part III of the proposal. In line with the third general objective, the project would also be designed to network externally funded research studies and other activities dealing with the possible Philippines-EU agreement.	Erlinda Medalla Veredigna Ledda
43. Impact of Trade Liberalization on Employment in the Philippines	The main findings of the paper show that: First, trade liberalization lowers the wage premium. A firm responds to import competition by shifting to the manufacture of products with lower value added and importing intermediate inputs rather than producing these within the plant. Second, using ASEAN tariff rates as trade proxy, the same results are obtained, however, when ASEAN tariff is interacted with skill intensity, the results show that tariff reduction on skill-intensive products is associated with rising wage skill premium. Third, firm characteristics such as skill intensity, firm size, and capital labor ratio matter in assessing the impact of trade reform on the wage premium. Lastly, exports are associated with increasing wage premium at the firm level the higher their skill intensity. In the literature, greater openness is associated with skill-biased technological change with export-oriented and technology-intensive activities as channels.	Rafaelita Aldaba
44. A Review of Water Financing Programs in the Philippines: Are We Making Progress?	The paper argues the case for developing more innovative financing schemes for the water supply sector. The use of traditional ODA-dependent financing channeled through government lending institutions has a somewhat moderate success record in developing and improving the water supply sector.	Gilberto Llanto
45. Formulation of the PIDS Research Agenda 2010-2014	This refers to the development of the research agenda of PIDS for 2010-2014, through a consultative process which meant to elicit inputs from various stakeholders as to the emerging policy issues confronting the country in the near future. The timing of this exercise is again on point considering that the national elections will be held in May 2010. This will provide the Institute the opportunity to reflect and deliberate on a menu of issues confronting the nation at this juncture that could very well provide inputs to a possible fresh mandate of the incoming administration. Such inputs would not be based on partisan politics but from the perspectives of academics, policy and technical experts, planners, policymakers, and the public at large.	Felipe Medalla Allan Bernardo Arsenio Balisacan
46. AusAID support to GDN Conference in Manila	This refers to the conduct of the 14th GDN Annual Global Development Conference in Manila on June 19-21, with the theme "Inequality, Social Protection and Inclusive Growth". The conference was organized by the Global Development Network (GDN) in partnership with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), East Asian Development Network (EADN) and the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS). His Excellency Benigno Simeon C. Aquino III, President of the Republic of the Philippines, participated as keynote speaker.	Josef Yap

47. ASEAN Economic Scorecard Phase III	The project on the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Scorecard Phase III aims to push further the policy and regulatory impetus coming from the drive towards AEC 2015 and beyond. Particularly it aims to contribute towards the building up of the sector-biased policy and regulatory reforms under the AEC Blueprint into a more general regulatory reform agenda towards improving regulatory governance and coherence in the ASEAN member-states. To a large extent, this project hopes to continue and deepen the regulatory reform efforts that have been going on in the ASEAN Member-States.	Gilberto Llanto Adoracion Navarro Keith Detros Kristina Ortiz
48. Logistics Sector and Trade Facilitation (a replacement for The Evolving Role of Customs Brokerage in the Philippines)	This study articulates the results of the research team's conversations with regulators and desk review of policies in the sectors affecting logistics and trade facilitation in the Philippines. The study covers air transport, land transport, maritime transport, logistics services, and customs services. Successes in regulatory reforms as well as the remaining restrictions to better logistics and trade facilitation surfaced from the conversations with regulators and the analysis of existing rules and regulations.	Adoracion Navarro Gilberto Llanto
49. National Consultation on Strengthening Social Protection Programs	The overall objective of the partnership between ESCAP and Philippine Institute for Development Studies is to strengthen social protection policies and programs through the development of innovative tools and approaches to tackle emerging social challenges. It is within the framework of the Development Account Project on "Strengthening Social Protection." The main objective is to strengthen the capacity of governments and other actors, including civil society, to develop regional knowledge management systems on social protection.	Celia Reyes
50. A Review of International Experiences in Establishing Regional Energy Markets (Pathway to ASEAN Energy Market Integration)	Global experience in regional energy market integration presents broad elements of integration, i.e., binding agreements, physical infrastructure, standardized or harmonized rules of operation, and governing or coordinating institutions. The pathway to ASEAN Energy Market Integration (AEMI) will also involve creating these elements; however, this activity must be preceded by trust-building activities among ASEAN members.	Adoracion Navarro
51. Mapping Out Energy Poverty Across ASEAN	This study maps the energy poverty situation in the region, and reviews the links between energy access and economic and human development. It also draws a connection between AEMI and the eradication of energy poverty, or attaining universal energy access, in terms of benefits and strategies, particularly with regard to mapping investment requirements and taking inventory of financing options.	Adoracion Navarro
52. Research Study on Unfair Trade Practices in the ASEAN Region	The Study on Unfair Trade Practices in Select ASEAN Countries is a project implemented by CUTS Hanoi Resource Centre, with the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) as its research partner for the Philippine country study. The overall objective of this project is to generate and promote substantive discussions and dialogues in the ASEAN on issues related to unfair trade practices (UTPs). This is expected to lead and contribute to the improvement of the relevant legal and institutional frameworks in ASEAN countries that seek to sustain a fair business environment therein and ensure equitable market outcomes in the long run.	Josef Yap Rafaelita Aldaba Antonio Abad
53. Formulation and Implementation of Research Program on Competition Policy and Law	This refers to the Agreement between PIDS and DOJ for the joint formulation and implementation of a research program on Competition Policy and Law, and in overall promotion of competition advocacy.	Rafaelita Aldaba
54. Analysis of Investment Incentives	The study focuses on the assessment of the impact of investment incentives in the Philippines. This covers incentives under existing legislations such as the BOI Omnibus Investments Code "Investment Priorities Plan" as well as incentives under export development plan and economic and free trade zones such as the Philippine Economic Zone Authority, Subic Bay, and Clark Development Corporation. The review also looks at the different frameworks/ approaches applied in the analysis, identifies issues, and suggests possible ways on how to address these in line with the formulation of a comprehensive industrial policy for the Philippines.	Debbie Gundaya
55. Determinants of Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) Phase II	This study focuses on potential NCD prevention and control strategies of the Department of Health (DOH) with wider multisector involvement. It outlines the potential framework of the multisector strategy of the DOH.	Aniceto Orbeta, Jr. Valerie Gilbert Ulep Oscar Picazo
56. Key issues and tasks on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP): the Philippine Case	<p>The ASEAN+6 countries are currently engaged in negotiation for a Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). The paper discusses some of the challenges facing the Philippines during the difficult period of negotiation and the necessary structural and institutional reforms that it has to take to ensure that it will benefit from RCEP.</p> <p>The paper calls the attention of policymakers to address critical constraints affecting the effective utilization of free trade agreements, growth, trade facilitation and customs administration, services liberalization, and investment incentives.</p>	Gilbert Llanto Kristina Ortiz
57. Notes on Social Rates of Discounts	The short note looks at the "appropriate" social rate of discount for use in Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) of public investment for the Philippines.	Erlinda Medalla

ANNEX E: LIST OF ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

	PROJECT TITLE	PROPOSERS	
		IN-HOUSE RESEARCHERS	OUTSIDE RESEARCHERS
1	Trade Policy Monitoring	Erlinda Medalla	
2	Philippine-Chinese Taipei Economic Cooperation Agreement (PH-CT ECA) Feasibility Study	Erlinda Medalla Veredigna Ledda	
3	Poverty Assessment: Focus on Child Poverty	Celia Reyes Aubrey Tabuga Christian Mina Blesila Datu Ronina Asis	
4	Assessment of 4Ps using Primary Data Collected by PIDS	Celia Reyes Aubrey Tabuga Christian Mina Blesila Datu Ronina Asis	
5	PIDS Economic and Online database	Celia Reyes	
6	Comprehensive Industry Plan and Sectoral Roadmaps	Rafaelita Aldaba	Debbie Gundaya
7	Formulation of the Philippine Bamboo Industry Roadmap		Conrado Perreras
8	Formulating Philippine Services Strategy (Comprehensive Industry Plan and Sectoral Roadmaps: Phase 2)	Donald Yasay	Ramonette Serafica
9	ASEAN SME Policy Index: SME Policy Assessment	Rafaelita Aldaba	
10	Competition Reforms in Key Markets for Enhancing Social & Economic Welfare in Developing Countries (CREW Project)	Rafaelita Aldaba Fatima Del Prado Maureen Rosellon	Debbie Gundaya
11	Rapid Appraisal of the State of Competition in the Rice Value Chain		Beulah Maria C. Dela Peña
12	Diagnostic Country Report (DCR) for the State of Competition in Bus Transport in the Philippines		Debbie Gundaya
13	Grants-in-Aid for Research, Development and Extension (RDE) for State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) Project	Aniceto Orbeta, Jr. Vicente Paqueo Katrina Gonzales Michael Abrigo Ruzzel Bryan Mallari Jillian Adona Sol Cortez	
14	Review of Student Financial Assistance Programs	Aniceto Orbeta, Jr. Vicente Paqueo Sol Cortez	
15	Review of Student Loan Programs	Aniceto Orbeta, Jr. Vicente Paqueo Katrina Gonzales	
16	Technical Assistance to CHED and the HOR Committee on Higher Education on the UniFAST Bill	Aniceto Orbeta, Jr. Vicente Paqueo Katrina Gonzales Ruzzel Brian Mallari Jill Adona Sol Cortez	
17	Evaluation Design and Baseline for Students Grants-in-aid Program for Poverty Alleviation (SGPPA)	Aniceto Orbeta, Jr. Ruzzel Brian Mallari	
18	Accreditation System for HEIs	Aniceto Orbeta, Jr. Vicente Paqueo	Mitzie Conchada
19	An Assessment of the State of Graduate Education Programs in the Philippines	Aniceto Orbeta, Jr. Vicente Paqueo	Mira Ofreneo
20	Development of Field Instruments for the CHED Graduate Tracer Study (2013)	Aniceto Orbeta, Jr. Vicente Paqueo Ruzzel Brian Mallari	Jeofrey Abalos
21	Design and Development of Survey Operations for CHED Graduate Tracer Study		Christian Joy Cruz

22	Rate of Return Estimation for Different HEI types and Fields of Study	Aniceto Orbeta, Jr. Vicente Paqueo	
23	Massive Online Open Course	Aniceto Orbeta, Jr. Vicente Paqueo Sol Cortez	
24	Higher Education and Its Effects on Employment: Capital Formation and Employment Trends		Dean Dulay
25	Techniques to Assess Financial Viability of Private Higher Educational Institutions: A Subcomponent of the Framework for Tuition Fee Negotiations Study	Aniceto Orbeta, Jr. Vicente Paqueo	Rachelle Ambata
26	Techniques in Facilitating Tuition Fee Negotiation.	Aniceto Orbeta, Jr. Vicente Paqueo	Dahlia Salamat
27	Review of Tuition Fee Setting	Aniceto Orbeta, Jr. Vicente Paqueo	
28	Improving Data on Tuition	Aniceto Orbeta, Jr. Vicente Paqueo Jill Adona	
29	Revision of normative financing funding for SUCs	Rosario Manasan Aniceto Orbeta, Jr.	
30	Quick Estimates on the Financial Impacts of K-12 Transition	Aniceto Orbeta, Jr. Vicente Paqueo	Eric Eleazar
31	Promoting High Quality Research in the Natural Sciences	Aniceto Orbeta, Jr. Vicente Paqueo	Lourdes Cruz
32	Design of Impact Evaluation of DepEd Programs	Aniceto Orbeta, Jr. Katrina Gonzales Ruzel Brian Mallari	
33	ZBB Studies for the FY 2014 Budget Preparation		
34	Study on Strategic Government Interventions of Employment Generation: DTI and Various Departments (DOLE, DA, DAR, DSWD, DOTC and DPWH)	Marife Ballesteros Danilo Israel	
35	Extension of study on SUC mandates and program duplication	Rosario Manasan Danileen Parel	
36	Center for Health Market Innovations Regional Innovation Broker (CHMI 2)	Aniceto Orbeta, Jr. Oscar Picazo Valerie Gilbert Ulep Danica Ortiz Melanie Aldeon Nina Ashley Dela Cruz	Oscar Picazo
37	Health Systems Research Management in the Department of Health	Aniceto Orbeta, Jr. Valerie Gilbert Ulep Danica Ortiz Melanie Aldeon Nina Ashley Dela Cruz	Oscar Picazo
38	Monitoring of the Overall Implementation and Provision of Technical Assistance		Oscar Picazo
39	Insight from Around the Globe: Enabling Conditions for Financing Catastrophic Care in Selected Countries		Anna Mae Dela Cruz
40	Feasibility of Supplemental Funds from the Private Sector for Catastrophic Illness Financing		Noel Juban
41	Technical Assistance to Improve the Resource Center for Health Sector Development		Ayedee Ace Domingo
42	Hospital Study in the Philippines: Feasibility of Private Public Partnership and Cost Analyses of LGU and DOH-Retained Hospitals		Eduardo P. Banzon
43	Analysis of Catastrophic Financing by Key Institutions		Alvin B. Caballes
44	Review of the Draft Congressional Bills on Health Insurance and the Current National Health Insurance Law and Implementing Rules and Regulations		Maricel Fernandez
45	Formative Evaluation of the DOH's Complete Treatment Pack (Compack) Program		Dennis Batangan
46	Relevance of social health insurance experiences in three countries for the Philippines		Rolando Talampas
47	Reconnaissance Study on the Implementation of Case-Based Payments		Godofreda Dalmacion
48	Interim Assessment of the PhilHealth CARES Program		Nina Castillo-Carandang
49	Tuberculosis and Diabetes Mellitus Control and Care: A Rapid Situational Analysis for Planning a Coordinated Program Response		Emmanuel S. Baja

50	Operational Recommendations on Improving the PHIC Case-Based Payment and Moving Towards Global Budget for Government Hospitals		Hilton Y. Lam
51	Analysis of the Prescribing and Dispensing of Generic Drugs as Provided by Generics Act of 1988		John Q. Wong
52	Barrier Analysis of TB Diagnosis Among the Urban Poor		Krishna Reyes
53	Assessment of the Extent and Quality of Participation of Private Health Facilities in the Implementation of TB Dots in the Philippine		Marissa M. Alejandria
54	Study to support improvement of the Philippine National Health Accounts (PNHA): update on expenditures for employer-provided health care and private schools health services		Rachel H. Racelis
55	Autonomization and Corporatization of Government Hospitals		Dan A. Saguil
56	Small farmers in High Value Chains	Roehlano Briones Ivory Myka Galang	
57	Rapid Appraisal Study on the Readiness of the Philippines for the Regional Economic Integration of the ASEAN Community by 2015	Roehlano Briones Danilo Israel	
58	Assessment of Readiness of Agriculture and Fisheries Sector for ASEAN Integration	Roehlano Briones Danilo Israel	Ramon Clarete
59	Economic Regulation in the Water Supply and Sanitation Industry	Adoracion Navarro	
60	High electricity rates in the Philippines: Understanding the problem and finding solutions (original title of Why Electricity Rates are High?)	Adoracion Navarro	
61	Renewable Energy Policy Debate	Adoracion Navarro	
62	Rapid Appraisal of the National Irrigation Program	Roehlano Briones	
63	Comprehensive Review of the National Irrigation Systems		Cristina David
64	Strengthening Governance of Irrigation in the Philippines		Arlene Inocencio
65	Review of the Methodology in Estimating Irrigable Areas and the Processes of Evaluating Feasibility of Irrigation Projects		Glen Tabios
66	Analysis of Technical Assumptions and Processes of Evaluating Feasibility of Irrigation Projects		Tolentino Moya
67	Irrigation Rehabilitation Analysis -		Mona Delos Reyes
68	Technical Assistance and Data Collection for the Analysis of Rehabilitation Projects and Processes		Alma Dela Cruz
69	Analysis and Collection of Technical Data on the National Irrigation System		Mauricio Duka
70	Research Project APEC 2015	Gilberto Llanto Erlinda Medalla Celia Reyes	
71	PIDS/DTI Ex-Ante Assessment of a Possible PH-EU Preferential Trade Agreement	Erlinda Medalla	

ANNEX F: PUBLICATIONS

SERIES	PUBLICATION TITLE
1. BOOKS	
PIDS Book 2013-01	Economic Policy Monitor 2012: Regional Economic Integration and Inclusive Growth - Engaging Nations, Embracing People
PIDS Book 2013-02	Analysis of the President's Budget for 2012: Financing of State Universities and Colleges
PIDS Book 2013-03	PJEPA: Strengthening the Foundation for Regional Cooperation and Economic Integration, Vol. I
PIDS Book 2013-04	Analysis of the President's Budget for 2013: Making Health Spending Inclusive
2. RESEARCH PAPER SERIES	
RPS 2013-01	An Assessment of TESDA Scholarship Programs
RPS 2013-02	The ASEAN Economic Community and the Philippines: Implementation, Outcomes, Impacts, and Ways Forward
3. POLICY NOTES	
PN 2013-01	Why a New Industrial Policy for the Philippines Is Critical
PN 2013-02	Pantawid Familyang Pilipino Program: Why "Deepening" Matters in Achieving Its Human Capital Objectives
PN 2013-03	Community-based Approaches Toward Upgrading of Informal Settlements: Alternative Strategies and Recommendations for Policymaking
PN 2013-04	Where Are the Poor Employed? Profiling the Working Poor
PN 2013-05	Can the Philippine Auto Industry Survive Smuggling?
PN 2013-06	Urgent: A Road Map for Agro-industrial Development in the Philippines
PN 2013-07	The Puzzle of Economic Growth and Stalled Health Improvement in the Philippines
PN 2013-08	Explaining the Large Disparities in Health in the Philippines
PN 2013-09	Opportunities for Making Health Financing and Services More Inclusive in the Philippines
PN 2013-10	Philippine Fisheries Trade with ASEAN: Chokepoints to AEC 2015
PN 2013-11	Health-enhancing Holidays: Challenges in Expanding Medical Tourism in the Philippines
PN 2013-12	Key Reforms for an Effective Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership
PN 2013-13	Border and Behind-the-Border Restrictions in Logistics and Trade Facilitation in the Philippines: Some Results of Regulatory Dialogues
PN 2013-14	The Impact of Natural Disasters on Income and Poverty: Framework and some Evidence from Philippine Households
PN 2013-15	Export Processing Zones, Special Economic Zones: Do We Really Need to Have More of Them?
PN 2013-16	Water Financing Programs: Creating Incentives for Private Sector Participation
PN 2013-17	Best Practices in Mortgage-backed Securitization for the Underserved Housing Market: Lessons for the Philippine Housing Finance
PN 2013-18	PJEPA: Highlights of an Initial Ex-post Review
PN 2013-19	Getting Ready for AEC 2015: Standards and Conformance in the Philippines
PN 2013-20	Strengthening Mortgage-Backed Securitization in the Philippines: The Role of the National Housing Mortgage Finance Corporation (NHMFC)
4. PHILIPPINE JOURNAL OF DEVELOPMENT	
PJD 2011 Vol. 38 Nos. 1-2a	Irregular Migration from Cambodia: Characteristics, Challenges, and Regulatory Approach
PJD 2011 Vol. 38 Nos. 1-2b	Migration Outflow and Remittance Patterns in Indonesia: National as well as Subnational Perspectives
PJD 2011 Vol. 38 Nos. 1-2c	Managing International Labor Migration: The Philippine Experience
PJD 2011 Vol. 38 Nos. 1-2d	Irregular Migrants and the Law
PJD 2011 Vol. 38 Nos. 1-2e	Foreign Labor in Singapore: Rationale, Policies, Impacts, and Issues
PJD 2011 Vol. 38 Nos. 1-2f	Different Streams, Different Needs and Impacts: Managing International Labor Migration in ASEAN - Thailand (Emigration)

PJD 2011 Vol. 38 Nos. 1-2g	Managing International Labor Migration in ASEAN: Thailand (Immigration)
PJD 2010 Vol. 37 No. 2a	Investigating the Presence of Regional Economic Growth Convergence in the Philippines Using Kalman Filter
PJD 2010 Vol. 37 No. 2b	Do FDI Inflows Have Positive Spillover Effects? The Case of the Philippine Manufacturing Industry
PJD 2010 Vol. 37 No. 2c	A New Model for Constructing Poverty Lines
PJD 2010 Vol. 37 No. 2d	Profiling Poverty with Multivariate Adaptive Regression Splines
PJD 2010 Vol. 37 No. 2e	Estimating Total Factor Productivity Growth from the Input-Output Table: An Illustration in the Poultry Sector of the Philippines
5. DISCUSSION PAPER SERIES	
DP 2013-01	The ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) and the Philippines: Implementation, Outcomes, Impacts, and Ways Forward (Full Report)
DP 2013-02	The AEC and the Philippines: Implementation, Outcomes, Impacts, and Ways Forward (Integrative Report)
DP 2013-03	Getting Ready for AEC 2015: Philippine Investment Liberalization and Facilitation
DP 2013-04	AEC 2015: Labor Mobility and Mutual Recognition Arrangements on Professional Services
DP 2013-05	AEC 2015: SME Development - Narrowing Development Gap Measure
DP 2013-06	AEC 2015: Capacity-building Imperatives for Services Liberalization
DP 2013-07	What Constrains PWDs to Participate in Discount Privileges? The Case of Bus Fare and Medical Care Discounts in the Philippines
DP 2013-08	Governmental Fiscal Support for Financing Long-term Infrastructure Projects in ASEAN Countries
DP 2013-09	Promoting Inclusive Growth through the 4Ps
DP 2013-10	Regional Integration, Inclusive Growth, and Poverty: Enhancing Employment Opportunities for the Poor
DP 2013-11	Policy Awareness and Participation by Persons with Disability in the Philippines
DP 2013-12	Philippines-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (PJEPA): An Initial Ex-post Review
DP 2013-13	Employment of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in the Philippines: The Case of Metro Manila and Rosario, Batangas
DP 2013-14	Philippine Agriculture to 2020: Threats and Opportunities from Global Trade
DP 2013-15	The Structure of Agricultural Trade Industry in Developing Countries
DP 2013-16	Market Structure and Distribution of Benefits from Agricultural Exports: the Case of the Philippine Mango Industry
DP 2013-17	Enhancing Labor Mobility in ASEAN: Focus on Lower-skilled Workers
DP 2013-18	Engaging the Highly Skilled Diaspora in Home Country Development through Knowledge Exchange: Concept and Prospects
DP 2013-19	Amending the Sin Tax Law
DP 2013-20	Perspectives on Health Decentralization and Interjurisdictional Competition among Local Governments in the Philippines
DP 2013-21	Twenty Years after Philippine Trade Liberalization and Industrialization: What Has Happened and Where Do We Go from Here
DP 2013-22	Assessment of the Efficiency and Effectiveness of the Reforestation Program of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources
DP 2013-23	Impact Assessment of the Agricultural Production Support Services of the Department of Agriculture on the Income of Poor Farmers/Fisherfolk: Review of the Evidence
DP 2013-24	Assessment of the effectiveness and efficiency of the cadastral survey program of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources
DP 2013-25	Impact of Trade Liberalization on Wage Skill Premium in Philippine Manufacturing
DP 2013-26	Managing International Labor Migration in ASEAN: Themes from a Six-Country Study
DP 2013-27	Aspirations and Challenges for Economic and Social Development in the Philippines Toward 2030
DP 2013-28	Efficiency and Effectiveness Review of the National Housing Authority Resettlement Program
DP 2013-29	Review and Assessment of Programs Offered by State Universities and Colleges
DP 2013-30	From Highly Skilled to Low Skilled: Revisiting the Deskilling of Migrant Labor
DP 2013-31	Analysis of the President's Budget for 2013
DP 2013-32	Cost Efficiency and Effectiveness of the Sitio and Household Electrification Programs
DP 2013-33	Toward Optimal Budget Utilization at the Department of Foreign Affairs: Focus on Foreign Service Posts and the International Commitment Funds

DP 2013-34	Water Financing Programs in the Philippines: Are We Making Progress?
DP 2013-35	Epidemiological Assessment of Fires in the Philippines, 2010–2012
DP 2013-36	Performance of DOH-Retained Hospitals in the Philippines
DP 2013-37	Factors Influencing PhilHealth Coverage and In-patient Benefit Utilization of Filipino Children under Five
DP 2013-38	An Assessment of the Outpatient HIV/AIDS Treatment Package Provided by the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation
DP 2013-39	Agriculture, Rural Employment, and Inclusive Growth
DP 2013-40	Multisector Strategy in Addressing Noncommunicable Diseases in the Philippines
DP 2013-41	After Five Years of Pantawid, What Next?
DP 2013-42	Buying or Leasing of Election Machines by COMELEC
DP 2013-43	Feasibility of Mortgage-Backed Securitization for the Underserved Housing Market in the Philippines
DP 2013-44	Relative Price Effects on Decompositions of Change in Aggregate Labor Productivity
DP 2013-45	Medical Tourism in the Philippines: Market Profile, Benchmarking Exercise, and S.W.O.T. Analysis
DP 2013-46	Incentives Matter: Reflections on the Role of Incentives in Scientific Productivity
DP 2013-47	Toward Informed Regulatory Conversations and Improved Regulatory Regime in the Philippines: Logistics Sector and Trade Facilitation
DP 2013-48	Customs Brokerage Services and Trade Facilitation: A Review of Regulatory Coherence
DP 2013-49	The Pathway to ASEAN Energy Market Integration
DP 2013-50	Energy Market Integration and Energy Poverty in ASEAN
DP 2013-51	Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership: Reform Challenges and Key Tasks for the Philippines

6. ECONOMIC ISSUE OF THE DAY

EID 2013 Vol. XIII No.1	Sovereign Credit Ratings
EID 2013 Vol. XIII No.2	The ASEAN Economic Community

7. DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH NEWS

DRN 2012 Vol. XXX No. 4	Rice Self-sufficiency = No Rice Imports: Is It really Feasible?
DRN 2012 Vol. XXX No. 5	Pursuing the Twin Objectives of Economic Integration and Social Inclusion
DRN 2012 Vol. XXX No. 6	Education for All: Addressing Problems in Primary Schooling
DRN 2013 Vol. XXXI No. 1	The Philippine Economy in 2012 and Prospects for 2013
DRN 2013 Vol. XXXI No. 2	Trade Liberalization and Trade Performance in Asia: 1974-2008
DRN 2013 Vol. XXXI No. 3	Social Protection Policies on Spotlight as Manila Hosts 14th GDN Meet
DRN 2013 Vol. XXXI No. 4	Economic Growth Must Translate to Better Health Outcomes

8. PIDS UPDATES

2013 Issue No. 1	Towards One ASEAN — Should We Fear It or Should We Welcome It?
2013 Issue No. 2	The Philippine Economy in 2012 and Prospects for 2013
2013 Issue No. 3	Regional Economic Integration and Inclusive Growth
2013 Issue No. 4	Education for Inclusive Growth
2013 Issue No. 5	The Fight against Poverty
2013 Issue No. 6	Urban Development and Inclusive Growth
2013 Issue No. 7	Dealing with Disasters and Climate Change
2013 Issue No. 8	Competition Policy
2013 Issue No. 9	Making Health more Inclusive in a Growing Economy
2013 Issue No. 10	Agricultural Policy Research for Inclusive Growth
2013 Issue No. 11	Environment and Natural Resources Management
2013 Issue No. 12	Fiscal Reforms

ANNEX G: EVENTS

DATE	TITLE OF EVENT	VENUE	SPONSOR/S
1. NETWORK/ PROJECT-RELATED FORA			
January 08, 2013	DOH Policy, Planning, Research, Legislative Training Course: Health Systems Research Management	G Hotel, Roxas Blvd. Manila	PIDS, Dept. of Health
January 16, 2013	Workshop on Multi-Sector Strategy in Addressing Inequities in Non-Communicable Diseases	Dusit Hotel Thani Manila Makati City	PIDS, Dept. of Health
January 22-24, 2013	Health Policy Notes Training	C.P. Romulo Hall, NEDA Bldg. Makati City	PIDS, Dept. of Health
February 04, 2013	Technical Writing and Statistics Training-Health Systems Research Management	Eugenio Lopez Center, Antipolo City	PIDS, Dept. of Health
April 16, 2013	Financing Infrastructure Development: Getting the Incentives Right	C.P. Romulo Hall, NEDA Bldg. Makati City	PIDS, NEDA and PPP Center
April 23, 2013	Partner's Meeting: Health Systems Research Management	C.P. Romulo Hall, NEDA Bldg. Makati City	PIDS, Dept. of Health
May 7, 2013	Inception Workshop: Competition Reforms in Key Markets for Enhancing Social and Economic Welfare in Developing Countries	C.P. Romulo Hall, NEDA Bldg. Makati City	PIDS
June 17 - 18, 2013	East Asian Development Network Annual Forum	Crowne Plaza Manila Galleria Ortigas Center, Quezon City	PIDS, EADN, GDN
June 19-21 2013	GDN 14th Annual Global Development Conference: Inequality, Social Protection and Inclusive Growth	ADB Headquarters Mandaluyong City	PIDS, EADN, GDN, ADB
June 28, 2013	PASCN Symposium and 17th General Assembly	Xavier University, Cagayan de Oro City	PIDS, PASCN Xavier University
July 09, 2013	Knowledge-Sharing forum on "The Urgent Need to Increase Baseload Generating Capacity in Mindanao"	Western Mindanao State University (WMSU), Zamboanga City	PIDS, WMSU
August 14, 2013	Launch of the UNESCAP study on "Building Resilience to Natural Disasters and Major Economic Crises"	C.P. Romulo Hall, NEDA sa Makati Bldg., Makati City	PIDS, UNESCAP
September 17, 2013	Sustainable and Inclusive Health Market Innovations: Challenges and Opportunities for the Philippines	Rigodon 1 Ballroom, The Peninsula Manila, Makati City	PIDS, WHO-APO, CHMI
September 24, 2013	Health Care for All: Issues and Challenges in Financing and Service Delivery in the Philippines	C.P. Romulo Hall, NEDA sa Makati Bldg., Makati City	PIDS
September 27, 2013	Towards Universal SHI Coverage in the Philippines: Setting the Subsidies Right for the Informal Sector	UPSE Auditorium, UP Diliman, Quezon City	PIDS, UPSE, PCED
November 26, 2013	4th Final Workshop on ASEAN Beyond 2015	C.P. Romulo Hall, NEDA sa Makati Bldg., Makati City	PIDS, ERIA
2. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS			
March 13, 2013	The Quest for Inclusive Growth	C.P. Romulo Hall, NEDA sa Makati Bldg., Makati City	PIDS, ADB, IMF
July 08, 2013	National Consultation on Strengthening Social Protection in the Philippines	C.P. Romulo Hall, NEDA sa Makati Bldg., Makati City	PIDS, UNESCAP
July 29, 2013	Forum on the Challenges of Designing Competition Reforms in Developing Countries	C.P. Romulo Hall, NEDA Bldg. Makati City	PIDS, CUTS International, Action for Economic Reforms
July 31, 2013	"After Five Years of Pantawid, What Next?" A Seminar-Forum on the Potential Extension of the Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) Program	C.P. Romulo Hall, NEDA sa Makati Bldg., Makati City	PIDS
September 13, 2013	A Dialogue on Creating More and Better Jobs	Luzvimin Room, World Bank Office Manila, One Global Place, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City	PIDS, World Bank

3. PRESS CONFERENCES			
September 4, 2013	Press Conference on the 11th Development Policy Research Month	C.P. Romulo Hall, NEDA Bldg. Makati City	PIDS DPRM Steering Committee
September 27, 2013	Regional Press Conference on Development Policy Research Month	PIA Regional Office Legazpi City, Albay	PIDS, PIA
September 27, 2013	Regional Press Conference on Development Policy Research Month	PIA Regional Office Tacloban City, Leyte	PIDS, PIA
September 30, 2013	Regional Press Conference on Development Policy Research Month	PIA Regional Office, Iloilo City	PIDS, PIA
4. PIDS CORNER			
January 25, 2013	Inauguration of the PIDS Corner at the Main University Library, Western Mindanao State University (WMSU)	Western Mindanao State University (WMSU), Zamboanga City	PIDS, WMSU
5. SENATE STAFF ECONOMIC FORUM SERIES			
September 19, 2013	PIDS-Senate Economic Forum Series (Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino: Why Deepening Matters in Achieving Human Capital Objectives)	Tanada Hall, Senate of the Philippines, Pasay City	PIDS, Senate Economic Planning Office
6. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FORUM SERIES			
January 28, 2013	Forum on "Rice Self-Sufficiency: Is It Feasible?"	Conf. Rm. 1 – 2, RVM Bldg., House of Representatives	PIDS, CPBRD
May 29, 2013	Seminar Forum on Promoting Inclusive Growth through the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps)	Conf. Rm. 1 – 2, RVM Bldg., House of Representatives	PIDS, CPBRD
July 3, 2013	Seminar Series on Zero-Based Budgeting: Assessment of the Efficiency and Effectiveness of the Reforestation Program of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources	Conf. Rm. 1 – 2, RVM Bldg., House of Representatives	PIDS, CPBRD
July 17, 2013	Seminar Series on Zero-Based Budgeting: Efficiency and Effectiveness Review of the National Housing Authority Resettlement Program	Conf. Rm. 1 – 2, RVM Bldg., House of Representatives	PIDS, CPBRD
July 24, 2013	Seminar Series on Zero-Based Budgeting: "Impact Assessment of Agricultural Production Services of the DA on the Income of Poor Farmers/Fisherfolk"	Conf. Rm. 1 – 2, RVM Bldg., House of Representatives	PIDS, CPBRD
October 16, 2013	Knowledge Sharing Forum on Industry Roadmaps and National Industrial Development	Speaker Fuentebella Hall, Ground Floor, South Wing Annex, House of Representatives	PIDS, CPBRD
7. PULONG SALIKSIKAN			
January 9, 2013	"How Useful is an Asian Currency Unit (ACU) Index for Surveillance in East Asia" Speaker: Dr. Victor Pontines, Research Fellow, Asian Development Bank Institute	C.P. Romulo Hall, NEDA Bldg. Makati City	PIDS, IPA
February 04, 2013	Debt Crises in the West, Growth Prospects in the East Speaker: Dr. Dan Steinbock	C.P. Romulo Hall, NEDA Bldg. Makati City	PIDS
October 24, 2013	Financing Infrastructure in the Philippines Speaker: Dr. Adoracion Navarro, Senior Research Fellow, PIDS	C.P. Romulo Hall, NEDA Bldg. Makati City	PIDS, ADB
8. REGIONAL CONSULTATION MEETINGS			
June 06 - 07, 2013	Consultation Meeting with officials of Western Mindanao State University and NEDA Region 9	Western Mindanao State University, Zamboanga City	PIDS, WMSU
June 27, 2013	Consultation meeting with officials of Bukidnon State University and PIDS Corner visit/inspection	Bukidnon State University, Malaybalay City	PIDS, BSU
June 28, 2013	Consultation Meeting with officials of NEDA Region 9 and PIDS Corner visit/inspection	NEDA Region 9, Cagayan de Oro City	PIDS, NEDA Region 9
October 16 - 17, 2013	Consultation meeting with officials of Palawan State University and PIDS Corner visit/inspection	Palawan State University, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan	PIDS, PSU
9. INSTITUTIONAL SYMPOSIA			
September 10, 2013	PIDS-IPA: Impact Evaluation: Why It Matters	C.P. Romulo Hall, NEDA Bldg. Makati City	PIDS, Innovations for Poverty Action
September 12, 2013	Seminar/Workshop on the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) for NEDA, DBM and DTI officials and staff by PIDS Senior Research Fellows	C.P. Romulo Hall, NEDA Bldg. Makati City	PIDS
October 10, 2013	ADB - PIDS Joint Economic Forum on Growth in Developing Asia and the Philippine Economic Outlook	C.P. Romulo Hall, NEDA Bldg. Makati City	PIDS, ADB

ANNEX H: 11th Development Policy Research Month (DPRM)

1. PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

1. Albay, Province of
2. Angelo King Institute for Economic and Business Studies
3. Asia Pacific Observatory on Health Systems and Policies
4. Bukidnon State University
5. Calapan, City of
6. Camarines Sur, Province of
7. Center for Health Market Innovations (CHMI)- Results for Development Institute
8. Cavinti, Municipality of
9. Civil Aeronautics Board
10. Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP)
11. Civil Service Commission (CSC)
12. Department of Health (DOH)
13. Department of Health (DOH)- National Center for Health Promotion (NCHP)
14. Department of Health (DOH)- Center for Health Development, Region 1
15. Department of Interior and Local Government Regional Office 02
16. Department of Interior and Local Government Province of Ifugao
17. Department of Interior and Local Government Regional Office 07
18. Department of Labor and Employment Regional Office No. 03
19. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
20. Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA), Philippines
21. Manila International Airport Authority
22. Lucban, Municipality of
23. Malinao, Municipality of
24. Mariano Marcos State University
25. Metropolitan Manila Development Authority
26. National Economic and Development Authority
27. Overseas Workers Welfare Administration
28. Passi, City of
29. Philippine Academic Consortium for Latin American Studies (PACLAS)
30. Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA)
31. Philippine Center for Economic Development
32. Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD)
33. Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC)
34. Philippine Information Agency (PIA)
35. Philippine Information Agency Region 5
36. Philippine Information Agency Region 6
37. Philippine Information Agency Region 8
38. Philippine Institute for Development Studies
39. Presidential Management Staff (PMS)
40. Pinabacdao, Municipality of
41. Public-Private Partnership Center
42. Saint Bernard, Municipality of
43. Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA)
44. Senate Economic Planning Office
45. Silang, Municipality of
46. Supreme Court of the Philippines
47. University of Asia and the Pacific- Center for Research and Communication CRC)
48. University of the Philippines - Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Development (OVCRD)
49. University of the Philippines at Los Banos- Center for Strategic Planning and Policy Studies
50. University of the Philippines School of Economics
51. U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)- Office of Health
52. University of Sto Tomas-Research Cluster on Culture, Education and Social Issues (RCESSI)
53. World Bank-Philippines

2. ACTIVITIES

DATE	TITLE OF EVENT	VENUE	SPONSORS
04 September	Press Conference Topic: Making Health More Inclusive in a Growing Economy	C.P. Romulo Hall, NEDA sa Makati Bldg., Makati City	PIDS/DPRM Steering Committee Contact Person: Phidel Vineles
06 September	Is the CCT Reaching the Extremely Poor? Regional Research Utilization Forum Speaker: Dr. Celia M. Reyes, PIDS Senior Research Fellow	Iloilo City	National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Region 6
10 September (2:00-4:00 pm)	Impact Evaluation: Why It Matters	C.P. Romulo Hall, NEDA sa Makati Bldg., Makati City	PIDS Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)
12 September (8:30 am - 2:30 pm)	Seminar/Workshop on the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) for NEDA, DBM and DTI officials and staff	C.P. Romulo Hall, NEDA sa Makati Bldg., Makati City	PIDS National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
13 September (8:00 am - 12:00 noon)	A Dialogue on Creating More and Better Jobs	Luzvimin Room, World Bank Office Manila Penthouse, One Global Place, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City	PIDS World Bank Philippines
17 September (9:00 am - 4:00 pm)	Sustainable and Inclusive Health Market Innovations: Challenges and Opportunities for the Philippines	Rigodon 1 Ballroom, The Peninsula Manila, Makati City	PIDS Asia Pacific Observatory on Health Systems and Policies Center for Health Market Innovations
17 September	Family Development Session	Brgy. Lale, Pinabacdao, Samar	Municipality of Pinabacdao, Samar
19 September (9:00 am - 12:00 noon)	Senate-PIDS Economic Forum on "Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino: Why Deepening Matters in Achieving Its Human Capital Objectives"	Senate of the Philippines Pasay City	PIDS Senate Economic Planning Office (SEPO)
19 September (2:00 pm)	Poster Exhibition on health Projects	UP School of Economics Diliman, Quezon City	UP Diliman Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Development
20 September (Registration starts at 6:00 a.m.)	Senior Citizen's Summit (Theme: Masaya at Malusog na Buhay Habang Nagkaka-edad)	New College of Arts and Sciences (NCAS) Auditorium, UPLB	UPLB Elderly Development Program (EDP) of the Department of Human and Family Development Studies, UPLB
24 September (9:00 am - 4:00 pm)	Health Care for All: Issues and Challenges in Financing and Service Delivery in the Philippines	C.P. Romulo Hall, NEDA sa Makati Bldg., Makati City	PIDS
27 September (9:00 a.m.)	Regional Press Conference on Development Policy Research Month (Resource Speakers: Mr. Felipe Salvosa (PIDS) and regional directors of DOH and PhilHealth	PIA Legazpi Regional Office, 3rd Flr. Ely Yu Bldg. Circumferential Road Legaspi City, Albay	PIA/PIDS
27 September (2:00 p.m.)	Regional Press Conference on Development Policy Research Month (Resource Speakers: Dr. Sheila Siar, PIDS, and regional directors of DOH and PhilHealth	PIA Regional Office VIII Children's Park Compound, Sen. Enage St. Tacloban City, Leyte	PIA/PIDS
27 September (2:00-4:00 p.m.)	Towards Universal SHI Coverage in the Philippines: Setting the Subsidies Right for the Informal Sector (Speakers: Dr. Joseph Capuno, Dr. Gilberto Llanto)	UPSE Auditorium University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City	UP School of Economics and Philippine Center for Economic Development (PCED)
30 September (9:30 a.m.)	Regional Press Conference on Development Policy Research Month (Resource Speakers: Dr. Rafaelita Aldaba, PIDS, and regional directors of DOH and PhilHealth	PIA Iloilo Regional Office 2/F RC Building, Rizal St. Iloilo City, Iloilo 5000	PIA/PIDS
10 October (1:00 - 5:30 pm)	Health and Inclusive Growth (Speakers: Dr. De Jesus, Dr. Calimag and Ms. Carinne Gonzalez, faculty researchers, RCCESI-UST)	UST Campus, Manila	RCCESI-UST
11 October (1:00 - 5:30 pm)	Research Prospects for Teachers on Public Expenditure and Accountability	Center for Research and Communication (CRC), University of Asia and the Pacific, Pasig City	Center for Research and Communication (CRC), UA&P

ANNEX I: AUDIT CERTIFICATE



Republic of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON AUDIT
Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City, Philippines
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Philippine Institute for Development Studies
NEDA sa Makati Building
Amorsolo Street, Makati City

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2013, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with state accounting principles generally accepted in the Philippines, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Philippine Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Philippine Institute for Development Studies as at December 31, 2013, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with state accounting principles generally accepted in the Philippines.

Report on Supplementary Information Required Under BIR Revenue Regulation 15-2010

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information on taxes, duties, and license fees paid or accrued during the taxable year described in Note 21 to the financial statements is presented for purposes of filing with the Bureau of Internal Revenue and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such supplementary information is the responsibility of management. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

COMMISSION ON AUDIT

(SGD.) **MARISSA V. FAJARDO-PARIÑAS**
Supervising Auditor – Audit Group H
Cluster 6 – Corporate Government Sector

March 25, 2014

ANNEX J: BALANCE SHEET

PHILIPPINE INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES BALANCE SHEET As of December 31, 2013 (With corresponding figures for 2012) (In Philippine Peso)				
		Notes	2013	2012
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
	Cash and cash equivalents	2.7 & 3	132,884,339	205,606,968
	Receivables	4	511,258,298	515,667,112
	Financial assets	5	34,634,011	2,109,234
	Inventories	2.2	612,083	453,301
	Prepayments and other current assets	6	585,352	955,421
Total Current Assets			679,974,083	724,792,036
Non-Current Assets				
	Financial assets	2.3 & 7	355,614,829	286,819,148
	Property, plant and equipment - net	2.4 & 8	98,903,320	12,393,943
	Other assets		6,589	19,754
Total Non-Current Assets			454,524,738	299,232,845
TOTAL ASSETS			1,134,498,821	1,024,024,881
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				
Current Liabilities				
	Accounts payable	2.5	6,981,253	5,111,349
	Inter-agency payables	9	552,424,796	552,713,740
	Performance/Bidders bond		1,254,819	300,049
	Other payables	10	28,630,679	12,782,787
Total Current Liabilities			589,291,547	570,907,925
Other Liabilities				
	Deferred credits		827,616	1,233,814
TOTAL LIABILITIES			590,119,163	572,141,739
Equity				
	Government equity	11	396,493,495	312,649,085
	Retained earnings		147,886,163	139,234,057
TOTAL EQUITY			544,379,658	451,883,142
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			1,134,498,821	1,024,024,881
<i>The notes on pages 49 to 54 form part of these financial statements.</i>				

ANNEX K: STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

PHILIPPINE INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES For the Year Ended December 31, 2013 (With corresponding figures for 2012) (In Philippine Peso)				
		Notes	2013	2012
INCOME				
	Interest on investments		21,601,248	24,201,559
	Subsidy from National Government	12	35,000,000	31,000,000
	Sale of publications - net of cost of publications	13	15,149	22,716
	Miscellaneous income	14	34,308,658	29,786,717
Total Income			90,925,055	85,010,992
EXPENSES				
	Personal services			
	Salaries and wages		32,565,105	31,558,363
	Other compensation		12,541,480	11,080,700
	Personnel benefits contribution		4,420,952	4,274,300
	Other personnel benefits		5,721,279	3,921,948
Total Personal Services			55,248,816	50,835,311
	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses			
	Professional services	15	7,871,755	2,860,733
	Taxes, insurance premiums and other fees	16	5,343,336	5,989,055
	Depreciation expense		2,704,908	2,859,255
	Utility expenses		3,748,514	1,798,460
	Communications expenses	17	971,033	1,051,454
	Training and scholarship expenses		1,257,807	992,260
	Supplies and materials expense		937,866	893,735
	Printing and binding	18	866,488	792,090
	Travelling expenses	19	729,282	520,876
	Repairs and maintenance		1,234,679	401,859
	Representation expense		308,697	349,188
	Loss on Sale of Disposed Assets		185,076	217,871
	Subscription		112,007	129,151
	Bank charges		200,114	122,466
	Extraordinary and miscellaneous expenses		108,900	108,385
	Loss from Foreign Exchange (FOREX)		-	94,147
	Other maintenance and operating expenses	20	433,671	51,766
	Advertising		-	23,587
	Membership dues and contributions to organizations		10,000	10,000
	Grants and donations		-	19
Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses			27,024,133	19,266,357
Total Expenses			82,272,949	70,101,668
NET INCOME/(LOSS)			8,652,106	14,909,324
<i>The notes on pages 49 to 54 form part of these financial statements.</i>				

ANNEX L: CASH FLOW STATEMENT

PHILIPPINE INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

(With corresponding figures for 2012)

(In Philippine Peso)

	Notes	2013	2012
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts of project fund		178,378,137	598,343,855
Collection of interest - PIDS proper		18,590,997	20,565,243
Receipt of subsidy for operations	12	35,000,000	31,000,000
Collection of receivables		11,446,123	8,994,921
Collection of income/revenues		7,403,720	4,584,654
Receipt of refunds of cash advances and overpayments			
of expenses		453,484	674,680
Collection of interest - PIDS projects		36,855	56,168
Payment for operating expenses		(45,917,419)	(37,805,660)
Payment for project expenses		(128,845,830)	(533,093,369)
Remittance of withholding taxes/authorized deductions			
(including government share on contributions)		(31,147,025)	(25,945,752)
Advances to employees/projects		(6,869,250)	(12,679,741)
Granting of cash advances/petty cash fund		(1,408,725)	(1,374,155)
Payment for payables incurred in operations		(2,687,649)	(505,409)
Purchases of inventories	2	(737,898)	(667,928)
Refund of performance/bidders/bail bonds payable		-	(18,500)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		33,695,520	52,129,007
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from maturing treasury bonds		22,682,037	46,092,362
Proceeds from maturing treasury bills and other securities		26,553,181	35,009,245
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		15,259	15,000
Placements/Reinvestments/Roll-over of matured investments		(66,808,315)	(30,951,971)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	2	(88,860,311)	(483,168)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(106,418,149)	49,681,468
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(72,722,629)	101,810,475
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR		205,606,968	103,796,493
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	3	132,884,339	205,606,968

The notes on pages 49 to 54 form part of these financial statements.

ANNEX M: STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

PHILIPPINE INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY For the Year Ended December 31, 2013 (With corresponding figures for 2012) (In Philippine Peso)			
	Notes	2013	2012
ENDOWMENT FUND			
Balance beginning		311,640,725	311,640,725
Additions		-	-
Balance end		311,640,725	311,640,725
PURCHASE OF LOT			
Balance beginning		-	-
Purchase of Lot		83,866,250	-
Balance end		83,866,250	-
INVESTMENT CAPITAL - HELD IN TRUST			
	2.4 & 11		
Balance beginning		1,008,360	1,384,891
Acquisition of PPE for externally funded projects		52,400	44,999
Transfer/Sale of PPE - held in trust for completed projects		(74,240)	(421,530)
Balance end		986,520	1,008,360
RETAINED EARNINGS			
Balance beginning		139,234,057	124,324,733
Net Income/(Loss)		8,652,106	14,909,324
Balance end		147,886,163	139,234,057
EQUITY			
		544,379,658	451,883,142
<i>The notes on pages 49 to 54 form part of these financial statements.</i>			

ANNEX N: NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PHILIPPINE INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (All amounts in Philippine Peso unless otherwise stated)

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) is a nonstock, nonprofit government research institution created under PD 1201 in September 1977. The Institute's nature of operation/principal program/activities include, among others, the following:

- 1.1 Provide analyses of socioeconomic problems and issues to support the formulation of plans and policies for sustained social and economic development in the Philippines;
- 1.2 Establish a continuing channel of communication between policymakers and planners, on one hand, and researchers, on the other;
- 1.3 Establish a repository for economic research information and other related activities.

The Institute's principal place of business is at NEDA sa Makati Building, 106 Amorsolo Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Institute's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the State's accounting principles.

- 2.1 Errors of prior periods that are material in amount were corrected in accordance with paragraphs 41-50 of Philippine Accounting Standard (PAS) No. 8, Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors.
- 2.2 Inventories were valued at cost using moving average method. These included costs of unused supplies and materials, books, journals and working papers for various research projects for sale.
- 2.3 Investments in bonds were amortized at cost using the straight-line method. Interest income pertaining thereto and that of the investments in treasury bills were recognized on accrual basis.
- 2.4 Property, plant and equipment (PPE) were recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation. The straight - line method of depreciation was used based on the estimated useful life ranging from five to 10 years. A residual value computed at 10 percent (10%) of the cost of the asset was set and depreciation started on the second month after purchase. Property, plant and equipment (PPE) acquired by externally-funded projects were recorded as Held-in-trust. PPE that were not used in operations were reclassified to other assets.
- 2.5 Liabilities were recognized at the time these were incurred.
- 2.6 Income and expenses were recorded using the accrual method of accounting.
- 2.7 Transactions in foreign currencies were recorded in Philippine Peso based on the BSP rate of exchange at the date of transactions. At the end of the year, these were revalued using the rate of exchange at balance sheet date.

3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in bank and demand deposits, together with other short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible into known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

This account consists of the following:

Particulars	2013	2012
Cash in bank	43,219,025	26,342,639
Foreign currency time deposit	1,586,452	2,085,079
Treasury bonds	21,546,505	81,207,487
Special savings account / High yield savings account	66,532,357	95,971,763
	132,884,339	205,606,968

The special savings account (SS) / high yield savings account (HYSA) is an investment facility of the DBP / LBP through the trust department of the said banks that offers interest rates higher than the yields on government securities of the same tenor.

4. RECEIVABLES

This account is broken down as follows:

Particulars	2013	2012
Due from National Government Agencies (NGAs)	504,252,421	506,149,455
Interest receivables	5,534,396	6,849,234
Other receivables - miscellaneous	1,066,047	2,369,682
Due from Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs)	258,034	252,618
Receivables – disallowances/charges	145,000	-
Advances to officers and employees	2,400	39,883
Due from officers/employees	-	6,240
	511,258,298	515,667,112

The receivable – disallowances/charges account was recognized for the COA audit disallowance thru Order of Execution dated February 3, 2013 pursuant to COA Decision No. 2012-12 dated February 6, 2012 in connection with the payment of annual membership fee to the Philamcare Health Systems Inc. The Institute had a pending appeal with the Supreme Court.

The account Due from National Government Agencies (NGAs) in CY 2013 composed of the following:

Particulars	Amount
PIDS/Department of Budget and Management Project "Grassroots Budgeting Program"	69,068
PIDS/Department of Budget and Management Project " Impact Evaluation Training"	4,353
PIDS/Department of Health Project " Health System Research Project"	179,150
PIDS/Commission on Higher Education- Research Development Extension Project	503,999,850
	504,252,421

As per approval of the President on December 21, 2011 the amount of P560 million was released to PIDS for the implementation of the Grants-in-Aid for Research, Development and Extension. This was part of the FY 2011 Disbursement Acceleration Program (DAP) and jointly implemented by PIDS and CHED. From the total amount, P504 million was released to CHED to carry out its projects/programs/activities. As of December 2013 CHED's total allocated amount for its approved projects amounted to P501.910 million. Out of this amount, P309.870 million was released to SUCs and as of to date the liquidated amount out of this fund amounted to P12.991 million (per CHED's submitted report).

5. CURRENT ASSETS - FINANCIAL ASSETS

This account represents the current portion of the investment in treasury bonds with the Bureau of the Treasury and with the government securities eligible dealers (GSED), particularly Land Bank of the Philippines and Development Bank of the Philippines.

6. PREPAYMENTS AND OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

This account includes the 20 per cent withholding taxes from Treasury Bill placements, prepayments for insurance premiums with the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), fidelity bond premiums with the Bureau of the Treasury, various subscriptions for the library and printing costs of PIDS publication, and input tax on purchase of goods and services.

7. NON-CURRENT ASSETS - FINANCIAL ASSETS

This account consists of investment in bonds - investible funds comprising mainly of government treasury bonds with coupon rates between 4.37 per cent to 7.38 per cent. These investments are scheduled to mature from calendar years 2015 to 2037.

8. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT - NET

This account is broken down as follows:

	Communica- tion/ IT equip- ment	Office equipment/ Furniture and fixtures, Others	Lot/Leasehold improvement	Motor vehicles and accessories	PPE-Held in trust	Total
Cost						
Balance, January 1, 2013	20,497,397	4,915,858	5,167,669	6,453,678	1,008,359	38,042,961
Additions	5,127,614	429,430	83,866,250	-	52,400	89,475,694
Disposals	(1,770,811)	(233,404)	-	-	(74,240)	(2,078,455)
Balance, December 31, 2013	23,854,200	5,111,884	89,033,919	6,453,678	986,519	125,440,200
Accumulated Depreciation						
Balance, January 1, 2013	14,809,823	3,928,870	3,144,501	3,765,824	-	25,649,018
Depreciation	1,673,074	190,174	372,865	468,794	-	2,704,907
Disposals	(1,602,860)	(214,185)	-	-	-	(1,817,045)
Balance, December 31, 2013	14,880,037	3,904,859	3,517,366	4,234,618	-	26,536,880
Net book value, Dec. 31, 2013	8,974,163	1,207,025	85,516,553	2,219,060	986,519	98,903,320
Net book value, Dec. 31, 2012	5,687,575	986,987	2,023,167	2,687,855	1,008,359	12,393,943

The Institute received the amount of P100 million from FY 2011 Disbursement Acceleration Program (DAP) which was approved by the President last October 12, 2011 for the purchase of lot and construction of an office building. PIDS purchased a parcel of land with an area of 2,580.50 square meters valued at a selling price of P32,500.00 per square meter from the National Housing Authority. This lot is located at Agham Road, North Triangle, Quezon City intended solely for the purpose of constructing an office building.

For every acquisition of PPE items to be used in the implementation of externally funded projects, the PPE-Held in trust account is debited. Upon completion of the project, the PPE items held in trust are reclassified to the specific PPE items account classifications (Note 11).

9. INTER-AGENCY PAYABLES

This account is broken down as follows:

Particulars	2013	2012
Due to Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR)	2,899,368	2,408,910
Due to NGAs		
PIDS/Commission on Higher Education Project " Research Development and Extension"	524,291,971	542,153,536
PIDS/ Department of Health (DOH) Project " Health Systems Research Management"	23,855,981	7,500,000
PIDS/Department of Trade and Industry Project " Development and Comprehensive Industry Plan and Sectoral Roadmaps.."	741,079	371,484
PIDS/Department of Trade and Industry Project " Ex-Ante Assessment of a possible PH-EU Preferential Trade Agreement"	434,711	674
PIDS/Department of Budget and Management (DBM) "Zero Based Budgeting/Program Evaluation in the Government"	150,742	-
Due to GOCCs:		
Philippine APEC Study Center Network (PASCN)	50,944	279,136
Totals	552,424,796	552,713,740

The account Due to BIR consists of the income tax on accrued interest income subject to final tax and taxes withheld from employees' compensation, contractors and suppliers. The same are regularly remitted by the Institute to the BIR on or before their due dates.

10. OTHER PAYABLES

This account is broken down as follows:

Particulars	2013	2012
Disbursement Acceleration Program (DAP) FY2011-Purchase of Lot/Building	16,170,300	-
PIDS/Global Development Network - East Asian Development Network (GDN-EADN) Project	7,558,183	8,378,366
PIDS/Results for Development Institute, Inc.(R4D) Project "Center for Health Market Innovations (CHMI) regional Innovation Broker-Philippines."	1,840,608	-
PIDS/Global Development Network – Japan International Cooperation Agency (GDN-JICA) Project	1,113,724	-
PRUDENTIALIFE HEALTHCARE INC. (HMO resigned employees)	609,672	627,124
PIDS/Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) "Microdata Project FY2013"	495,423	-
PIDS/SENATE "Congressional Oversight Committee on Agricultural and Fisheries Modernization (COCAFAM)	307,345	-
Philippine Academic Consortium for Latin America Studies (PACLAS) International Conference	197,358	183,842
PIDS/Consumer Unity and Trust Society (CUTS) Jaipur Project "Competition Reforms in Key Markets for Enhancing Social and Economic Welfare in Developing Countries"	176,863	-
Special fund - National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Building maintenance	86,367	1,318,062
PIDS/Global Development Network (GDN) "3ie Project"	61,184	105,698
Bids and Awards Committee	13,652	15,235
PIDS/MECO project "Phil-Taiwan Economic Cooperation Agreement (PH-Taiwan ECA)"	-	432,232
PIDS/ United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) 2011	-	944,965
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) "Economic Impacts....Veg- etable in the Philippines..."	-	749,312
PIDS/Consumer Unity and Trust Society (CUTS) Project "Study on Unfair Trade Practices in Selected ASEAN Countries"	-	40,251
PIDS Provident Fund	-	(11,800)
PIDS Cooperative	-	(500)
TOTALS	28,630,679	12,782,787

The Special fund - NEDA Building Maintenance account represents funds for the upkeep and maintenance of NEDA sa Makati Building. In September 2007, PIDS started leasing operations of some available office spaces at NEDA sa Makati Building. Rental and other charges collected from the lessees are recorded under this account. Likewise, expenses for the maintenance and management of the building are charged to the said account.

11. EQUITY

The details of the account are presented below:

Particulars	2013	2012 (as restated)
Government equity		
Endowment fund	311,640,725	311,640,725
Investment capital-held in trust	986,520	1,008,360
Disbursement Acceleration Program (DAP) FY2011-Purchase of Lot/Building	83,866,250	-
	396,493,495	312,649,085
Retained earnings		
Balance beginning	139,234,057	124,960,965
Income for the period	8,652,106	14,273,092
	147,886,163	139,234,057
TOTALS	544,379,658	451,883,142

The Endowment Fund consists of funds released by the Bureau of the Treasury through the Department of Budget and Management in the amount of P311,052,700 and P588,025 from Policy, Training and Technical Assistance Facility (PTTAF) which was contributed to the equity of the Institute. The Endowment Fund which was established under the same law that created the agency, was purposely meant for investment, earnings of which shall be used in the operational requirements of the Institute.

The account Investment capital-held in trust represents the total cost of fixed assets purchased and used in the implementation of externally-funded projects. The Disbursement Acceleration Program (DAP) FY 2011- Purchase of Lot/Building account represents cost of lot purchased for the construction of the Institute's office building. (Note 8)

The Retained Earnings for year 2012 as presented in this report is decreased by P636,232 from last year's figure of P139,870,289 as a result of its restatement. The details are as follows:

Total Amount before restatement		139,870,289
Add Refund of Salaries & allowances, and other benefits		
Scholarship grant obligation	1,314,279	
COA disallowances, COA decision no. 2012-02	327,700	
Refund of Consultancy Services	37,500	1,676,479
Less: Employee's benefit for FY 2012		
Collective Negotiation Agreement (CNA) BC#2012-4	1,394,711	
Performance Based Bonus (PBB) MC#2012-03	918,000	2,312,711
Total Amount, December 31, 2012, as restated		139,234,057

12. SUBSIDY FROM NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

This account represents the subsidy received from the National Government to support the operating expenses of the research operations of the Institute.

13. SALE OF PUBLICATIONS

This account represents the proceeds from the various sales of articles published by the Institute amounting to P15,149.00 net of cost of sales amounting to P6,445.00.

14. MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

The main sources of this income are the externally-funded research projects, most of which were completed and closed during the year. As part of the Institute's cost recovery program, the projects were charged for management fee and for the actual time rendered by the Research Fellows, Supervising Research Specialists and Research Assistants who worked on the project. In addition, overhead project expenses ranging from five to twenty per cent of the total project cost were charged by the Institute as agreed upon with the funding entities.

15. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

This account consists of the following:

Particulars	2013	2012
Consultancy services	3,593,257	1,088,555
Security services	1,452,127	324,012
Janitorial services	1,309,166	427,646
Auditing services	734,205	672,520
Legal services	666,000	288,000
Other professional services	117,000	60,000
Totals	7,871,755	2,860,733

Professional Services increased this year because of the increase in janitorial and security services which was due to assumption of the Institute of all the expenses.

16. TAXES, INSURANCE PREMIUMS AND OTHER FEES

Below is the breakdown of the account:

Particulars	2013	2012
Taxes, duties and licenses	4,748,534	5,440,996
Insurance expense	504,959	462,547
Fidelity bond premium	89,843	85,512
Totals	5,343,336	5,989,055

The account Taxes, duties and licenses represents the 20 per cent final tax on interest earned from investments and other bank accounts maintained by the Institute.

17. COMMUNICATION EXPENSES

This account represents the cost of the monthly payments for the Philippine Long Distance Telephone (PLDT) telephone lines including charges for official long distance calls, mobile phones, service fee for the Institute's internet service provider and costs of postage/deliveries.

18. PRINTING AND BINDING

This account includes the cost of complimentary copies of publications issued to policy makers and planners and cost of reproduction of various materials for research and operations.

19. TRAVELLING EXPENSES

The amount mainly represents the cost of travel incurred at the Regional Fora/Consultation Meetings conducted by the Research Information Staff in connection with the dissemination program of the Institute and the minimal costs for the travels abroad made by the Research Fellows to attend conferences and other ministerial meetings.

20. OTHER MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING EXPENSES

This account includes the cost of repairs of property not classified as part of the Institute's fixed assets, as well as other costs not falling under any of the expense classifications stated above.

21. REPORT ON THE SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION REQUIRED BY BIR UNDER REVENUE REGULATION NO. 15-2010

On November 25, 2010, the BIR issued Revenue Regulations (RR) No. 15-2010 prescribing the manner of compliance in connection with the preparation and submission of financial statements accompanying the tax returns. Under the said RR, it is required that, in addition to the disclosures mandated under the Philippine Financial Reporting Standards, and such other standards and/or conventions as may be adopted, the Notes shall include information on taxes, duties and license fees paid or accrued during the taxable year.

In compliance with the requirements set forth by RR 15-2010, the information on taxes, duties and licenses paid or accrued during the taxable year are as follows:

21.1 Value Added Tax (VAT)

	2013	2012
Sales of services (Lease of Real Property)	2,705,712	6,529,775
Zero-rated sales	-	-
VAT exempt sales	-	-
Total Gross Receipts	2,705,712	6,529,775
Less:		
Zero-rated sales	-	-
VAT exempt sales	-	-
Total Vatable Gross Receipts	2,705,712	6,529,775
Multiply by: Tax rate	12%	12%
Total Output Vat for the year	324,685	783,573
Input Vat		
Beginning of the year	224,793	264,740
Current year's purchases / payments for:		
Goods other than Capital Goods	806	17,870
Domestic Purchase of Services	180,368	725,756
Total Input Vat for the year	405,967	1,008,366
Output VAT declared for the year	324,685	783,573
Less: Total Input Vat for the year	405,967	1,008,366
Value Added Tax payable for the year	(81,282)	(224,793)

21.2 Excise taxes

There are no transactions subject to excise taxes for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2013.

21.3 Other taxes, local and national

This account consists of taxes and licenses paid for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 as follows:

	2013	2012
Under Taxes, Insurance Premiums and other Fees:		
20% final Tax on Interest Income on investments and Bank Deposits	4,734,000	5,426,742
Renewal of Vehicle Registration	14,534	14,254
Under Building Fund Account:		
Business Permits	12,870	12,570
Totals	4,761,404	5,453,566

21.4 Withholding taxes

The Company's withholding taxes for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 are as follows:

	2013	2012
I. Withholding tax on compensation		
Total withheld tax for the year	8,080,152	6,235,149
Less: Payments made from January to November	6,767,905	5,521,022
Withholding Tax still due and payable	1,312,247	714,127
II. Expanded withholding tax		
Total withheld tax for the year	2,635,434	1,001,389
Less: Payments made from January to November	2,413,459	894,973
Withholding Tax still due and payable	221,975	106,416
III. Final tax withheld		
Total withheld tax for the year	1,691,412	954,468
Less: Payments made from January to November	1,580,430	883,400
Withholding Tax still due and payable	110,982	71,068

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