

COMMENT FROM THE EDITORS OF IPMR

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The articles in this issue are intended to be of interest to both academics and practitioners. The issue is comprised of articles on a variety of what we believe are intriguing public management and policy topics. The first article, "How 'The Government Performance and Results Act' Borrows from the Experience of OECD Countries." by Jonathan D. Breul is reproduced in this issue with permission of the author due to the interest in the history of the development of GPRA expressed by members of the International Public Management Network. The second article, "Rethinking Capacity Development" by Cedric Saldanha provides conclusions about the effectiveness of capacity development initiatives and how they might be improved. The third article, "Paradoxes of Public Accountability in Malaysia: Control Mechanisms and Their Limitations" by Noore Alam Siddiquee demonstrates that problems in Malaysia resemble those in other developing nations. However, as with others, the Malaysian experience also is unique in many respects. The fourth article, "Private Sector Corporate Governance and Singaporean Government Linked Corporations" by Sajid Anwar and Choon Yin Sam provides a different perspective on how to evaluate public sector performance. The fifth article, "Administrative Reforms in India: Need for Systems Approach to Problem Solving" by Punit Arora evaluates the prospects for civil service and related reform in India. Lastly, a research note by Carlos Santiso titled, "Improving Fiscal Governance and Curbing Corruption: How Relevant are Autonomous Audit Agencies?" assesses audit agencies in terms of their adequacy for combating corruption.

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