


Editor's Note (Volume I, Number 2)

nce again, welcome my fellow enthusiasts in history, on behalf of the entire Editorial Team, we bring you the second issue of **TALA: An Online Journal of History**, and for this issue, we will showcase a variety of articles that will give you different perspectives in historical studies. This issue is special for us because the team had some additions to make the journal more credible, presenting more scholarly articles that will add your interest in historical studies.

In the past two months after the first issue, *TALA* has been joined by other scholars all around the globe. First, we have new names in our International Editorial Collaborators. We welcome **Dr. Emmanuelle Sinardet** from *Université Paris Nanterre* in France whose expertise lies in the history of Latin Americas; **Dr. Priyadarsi Mukherji** of *Jawaharlal Nehru University* in India who has been an expert in Cultural Studies, especially concerning the culture of the people of China; **Dr. Joel Campbell** of *Troy University* in Alabama, United States of America has been an expert in Political Science and International Studies; **Dr. Martin Nitsche** from *Czech Academy of Sciences* in Prague, Czech Republic, an expert in history and phenomenological studies; **Dr. Yukari Ando**, an expert in International Public Policy from *Osaka School of International Policy* in Japan; **Asst. Prof. Leighanne Kimberly Yuh** of *Korea University* in Korea whose expertise falls under Korean and Asian History; **Dr. Marya Svetlana Camacho** of *University of Asia and the Pacific* in the Philippines, an expert in Philippine history and Women's history; and, just this month, **Prof. Sean O'Reilly** of *Akita International University, Japan*, who is an expert in World War II and Cinema history; **Prof David Mosher** of *Hijiyama University* in Japan, an expert in Japanese and Asian History and; **Dr. Haruko Satoh** of *University of Osaka*, an expert of International Public policy, specifically concerning the relations of Japan to other Asian nations. All of these new additions to our pool of international editors signified their help to maintain the academic and scholastic performance of the journal.

We also have a new member in the Board of Advisers. Last November, the former Rector Magnificus of the Pontifical and Royal University of Santo

Tomas in Manila and currently the Sub-prior of the Santo Domingo Convent in Quezon City, Philippines, **Rev. Fr. Rolando V. Dela Rosa, O.P.** joined *TALA* as one of its prolific Advisers for the journal. Fr. Dela Rosa is an expert in Historical Hermeneutics and Theological Studies. With these high number of experts that joined *TALA*, we can proudly say that we are now leading towards excellence and the founding editorial team is very grateful for this.

In this issue, *TALA* offers you four (4) articles and one (1) book review. Moreover, with this issue, *TALA* accepted one article and one book review that was written **in the Filipino Language**. The journal wanted to imply that the Filipino Language is also an essential tool in scholarship and academic discourses. For the articles, we have **Isabel Annesley Abao's** *Levels of Historical and Cultural Awareness of Peoples in Selected Countries of Southeast Asia: A Comparative Study*, a quantitative study that reveals through its findings that to trace and be more conscious of the history of one's country (in South East Asia) is both a social and moral obligation of its people and that a comparative insight on the level of awareness of a people's historical and cultural heritage helps see connections between different events and show how actions lead on to another. **Ellery Ortiz's** *The Harris Memorial College: The Pioneer in Kindergarten Education in the Philippines* discusses the brief history of the institution and examines the contribution of Harris Memorial College to the development of kindergarten education and the legacy left by the United Methodist Church in the Philippines. **Christian Eligius Jimenez's** *Zimbabwe: A Story of Hyperinflation in the 21st century* presents us with a concise narrative and history of Zimbabwe's experience of hyperinflation and how the government, as well as its people, have addressed or responded to the economic crisis. **Romel Misa's** *Ang Konsepto ng Kaginhawahan at Pag-ibig sa Pag-ibig sa Tinubuang Bayan ni Andres Bonifacio* offers us different views of historians regarding the term "kaginhawaan at pag-ibig" of Andres Bonifacio; concluding with a synthesis of all the given perspectives. In the book review section, we only have **Axle Christien Tugano's** *Paglapat ng Istorya sa Dalumat ng Ugnayang Pilipinas at mga Asyanong Bansa*, a book review of Ambeth Ocampo's *Looking Back 4: Chulalongkorn's Elephants: The Philippines in Asian History*. This review reveals its commendations and critiques of Ocampo's 102-page book and unearths the deep thoughts concerning the relationship of the Philippines with other Asian nations.

With these set of new scholarly papers offered by TALA, we are hoping that for the expansion of historical knowledge and the development of new perspectives in understanding history. Again, thank you very much and MABUHAY ANG ATING KASAYSAYAN!

For the love of History,

The Editor-in-Chief