

From the Editor's Desk

Dear Reader,

With this fourth and final issue of *Anib: The Official Newsletter of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development-Philippine Research Team (UNRISD-PRT) on Global Civil Society Movements*, the UNRISD-PRT concludes its research on global civil society movements in the Philippines.

This issue contains the analytical narrative report for the period October 2005 to November 2006. This highlights the activities which the research project has undertaken during this period that include significant aspects of the research findings, the outcome of the national stakeholders meetings, and the concerns raised by the policy papers.

Also included here are the policy papers based on the five case studies under the research project, namely: 1) campaigns on debt relief with focus on the Freedom from Debt Coalition; 2) movement to change trade rules and regulation with the case study on the Stop the New Round Coalition; 3) advocacy on the Tobin tax; 4) movement on fair trade; and the 5) anti-corruption movement with focus on the Transparency and Accountability Network. The role of global civil-society movements in the Philippines in institutionalizing and democratizing policymaking is the theme that binds together the policy papers.

Although the UNRISD-PRT project has already concluded in November 2006, the research team takes this as the beginning of other pertinent and exciting researches on global civil society movements. We hope that, with the dissemination of our research findings, we will facilitate our collaboration with other research networks in other parts of the globe. The pressing concerns of worldwide social injustice and socioeconomic inequalities call for a determined act of coming together, of building new solidarities out of old struggles, of forging alliances that renders inutile age-old barriers.



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