

From the Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

I am pleased to present to you the second issue of *Anib: The Official Newsletter of the UNRISD-Philippine Research Team on Global Civil-Society Movements*. As we mentioned in our first newsletter, *Anib* intends to share with you the developments in the ongoing research of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) and the Philippine Research Team (PRT) on "Global Civil-Society Movements: Dynamics in International Campaigns and National Implementation." The social movements under study are the following: (1) campaigns for debt relief, (2) movement to change international trade rules and barriers, (3) global taxation initiative, (4) international anticorruption movement, and (5) movement on fair trade. Aside from the Philippines, the other countries that are involved in this project are Argentina, Bolivia, Senegal and Turkey.

This issue of *Anib* provides an analytical narrative of the activities undertaken by the UNRISD-PRT from October 2004 to September 2005. It discusses the research team's concerns on the participatory-research process, a critical analysis of theoretical perspectives, and methodological considerations in examining global civil-society movements. Initial data on the five case studies are also provided.

The second edition also carries with it the analytical reports of the national stakeholders' meetings of three case studies: (1) movement on changing international trade rules and barriers, (2) movement on global taxation initiative, and (3) movement on fair trade. The report is based on the reactions and comments of the stakeholders on the first draft written and presented by the case study writers.

Lastly, we would like to take this opportunity to share with you the findings of the research project of the Third World Studies Center funded by the United Nations Development Program-Philippine Office. These were recently published in an edited volume entitled *People, Profit, and Politics: State-Civil Society Relations in the Context of Globalization*. The study basically examines the engagement of the state by civil-society players involved in four industries in a period of globalization: vegetable, hog, garment, and telecommunications.



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