

From the Editor's Desk

Dear Reader,

I am pleased to present to you the third issue of *Anib*. As stated in one of the objectives of our research project, *Anib* intends

to encourage theoretical debate, highlight concrete civil-society campaigns aimed at wider networking, social mobilization, lobbying and advocacy, disseminate research findings coming out of projects as well as other sources and gather views of experienced people or actors shaping civil-society discourse and actions.

For this issue we would like to share the results of our major stakeholders' meetings on the anti-corruption movement and the movement for debt relief. The second issue of *Anib* shared the results of the three other major stakeholders' meetings on the movement to change trade rules and regulations, the fair trade movement, and the advocacy for the Tobin tax.

As a culmination to our series of stakeholders' meetings, we conducted a two-day national conference on 21-22 June 2006 to disseminate the information generated from the research projects by bringing together representatives of civil society, government, universities, and the media.

In this conference, the UNRISD-PRT focused on the theme "Global Civil-Society Movements in the Search for Alternatives: Issues, Challenges, and Prospects in the Philippines." We pursued the following dimensions of this theme in our forum/workshop: 1) the transnational dimension of Philippine social movements; 2) state-movement dynamics: opposition, cooperation, and co-optation; 3) the academe and social movements: enriching theory and practice; 4) media, framing and coverage: competing images and collective action; and 5) the role of social movements in the quest for viable alternatives.

The presentations of the case-study writers were based on the insights and lessons from each case study on the dimensions enumerated above. Invited representatives from civil society, the academe, the government, and the media gave their feedback. The proceedings of the enlightening and valuable exchange in the two-day conference are presented in this issue.



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