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# MINING

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The Philippines has been known for its rich mineral and natural resources. Through the years, its mining industry has contributed to the economy, especially with the increased demand for minerals and energy. The outcome, however, is not all positive, as it carries with it the detrimental impact of mining on society and the environment.

For instance, **Clemente (2019)** found that the passage of the Philippine Mining Act has been insufficient to address the environmental issues hounding the Philippine mining sector. Audits conducted by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) revealed that several mine areas still lack the proper environmental plans. Uncontrolled degradation has also remained rampant.

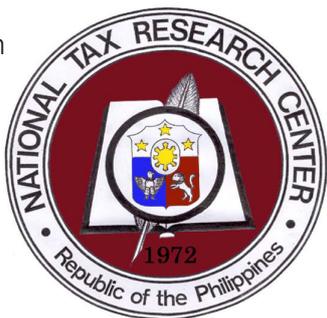
Behind these problems are institutional issues affecting the implementation of mining laws in the country (**Clemente et al. 2018**). One particular issue is the overlapping functions of agencies handling mining concerns, a situation that creates an opportunity for enterprising government employees to engage in corruption.

The partner-agencies of DENR, such as the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples, were also reported to be suffering from insufficient human resources. This has affected not only the performance of their mining-related functions but also their efforts to protect the rights of mining stakeholders, particularly the indigenous peoples (**Clemente 2019**). **Mendoza et. al (2013)** argued that

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## PARTNER-INSTITUTION ON SPOTLIGHT National Tax Research Center

The National Tax Research Center (NTRC) is an attached agency of the Department of Finance mandated to conduct continuing research on taxation. Aside from improving the tax system and raising the level of tax consciousness among the Filipino people, it is also committed to achieving a faster rate of economic growth and engendering a more equitable distribution of wealth and income through tax research.



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The last issue of the Development Research News this 2019 features the highlights of the fifth Annual Public Policy Conference (APPC), zeroing in on the challenges related to the emerging New Globalization, also known as Globalization 4.0. The banner article specifically captures one of the key messages of the APPC, that is, the Philippines, together with the rest of middle-income countries, is under threat due to poor investments in global health. Also included are PIDS studies on housing, rice tariffication, small and medium enterprises, and senior citizens. Completing this issue is an article on smart cities, which can be a potent tool to address the issues arising with the advent of the New Globalization.

## SERP-P VISITS



The SERP-P team conducted a reorientation for the National Tax Research Center (NTRC) on November 28, 2019. Dr. Sheila Siar and Ms. Jachin Aberilla, SERP-P program manager and coordinator, respectively, presented updates on the SERP-P project and demonstrated how to upload publications on the SERP-P database.

The reorientation was attended by officials and SERP-P coordinators of NTRC.



Ms. Jachin Aberilla, SERP-P coordinator, visited the UP National Center for Transportation Studies (UP NCTS) on December 10, 2019. She presented the features of SERP-P, gave updates on the project, and demonstrated how to upload publications on the database. The reorientation was attended by Mr. Julius Panotes, UP NCTS librarian and SERP-P coordinator.

such failure on the part of the government to properly manage mining activities has also led to huge environmental damage.

Given these concerns, reforms are thus needed to ensure that the growth of the mining sector is inclusive and will give the greatest possible benefit to the nation (**Habito 2011**). In particular, **Mendoza et. al (2013)** have highlighted the need to establish governance and management norms that meet world-class standards to improve the reputation of mining in the Philippines.

Meanwhile, **Clemente et. al (2018)** have urged the government to review its mining policies and come up with harmonized implementing guidelines for all agencies involved to eliminate personal tendencies to relax rules.

The Socioeconomic Research Portal for the Philippines (SERP-P) has a collection of studies on the mining sector in the Philippines. In addition to those cited earlier, worth checking out are those by **Pasagui and Arsenia (2014)** on mining revenue-sharing schemes and mechanisms, **Gonzales (2013)** on promoting transparency and accountability in the extractive industries sector, and **Bicencio (2012)** on charting growth directions for the Philippine mining sector.

For other related studies, simply type “mining” in the search box of the SERP-P website.

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Dr. Rosario G. Manasan is a retired senior research fellow at the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), where she spearheaded the research program on public finance and fiscal policy. A prolific writer, she has published numerous PIDS articles on taxation, public expenditure analysis, public expenditure management, fiscal decentralization, social protection, and other social sector issues.

Manasan received her PhD in Economics from the University of the Philippines in 1979 and her post-doctoral studies from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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