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✉ Note from the Editor-in-Chief

With this issue of *The Cordillera Review*, we say goodbye and express our deepest gratitude to the members of the first editorial staff of the journal:

Dr. WILFREDO V. ALANGUI
Dr. MARIA NELA B. FLORENDO
Dr. RAYMUNDO D. ROVILLOS
Dr. PRISCILLA S. MACANSANTOS

The journal was established and the first editorial staff constituted in 2008. It was a good measure of the importance given by the University of the Philippines Baguio to the development of a quality peer-reviewed journal that four of its most outstanding faculty, already saddled with heavy responsibilities, were assigned to form its first editorial board. When they joined the TCR staff, Dr. Alangui, a mathematician, was Dean of the College of Science, while Dr. Rovillos, a historian, was Dean of the College of Social Sciences. Dr. Florendo, also a historian, was Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, while Dr. Macansantos, another mathematician, was Chancellor. It must be said that it was their dedication to scholarship and expertise in the fields they represent that entitled them to serve in the staff. Together, they formed an exemplary team. They submitted to rigorous review all articles that were considered for publication, looking not only at the larger picture but also at the little details, thus ensuring a high level of manuscript evaluation even at the initial stage of review. That they were able to do so despite the demands of their administrative work was an irrefutable proof of their commitment to the publication of a scholarly journal that the institution could be proud of.

As we say goodbye to the old staff, we welcome the new. It is my pleasure to announce in this issue the incoming members of the editorial board:

Dr. NARCISA P. CANILAO
Dr. ALIPIO T. GARCIA
Dr. ANNA CHRISTIE V. TORRES
Dr. SANTOS JOSE O. DACANAY III

As before, we have in the new staff a select group of faculty representing various disciplines. Dr. Canilao is from philosophy, Dr. Garcia from physics, and Dr. Torres from literature. Our new managing editor, Dr. Dacanay, is from the Institute of Management.

With the new editorial board, we hope to sustain the commendable initiatives of the outgoing staff, while pursuing new directions as *The Cordillera Review* enters its fourth year of existence.

DELFIN TOLENTINO, JR.
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