

ASIA-PACIFIC PANEL
ON
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Time and Date	4:30 pm – 6:30 pm	8 November 2002
Venue	New Delhi, India	
Conference site	The Hotel Ashok Convention Hall A	

Theme

Role Sharing and Collaboration
Between Governments and NGOs
for National Development

Introduction

The accumulated financial deficits in the developed countries and the shortage of development assistance funds in the developing countries have forced many governments to reform public management to make it more efficient and effective. The people's needs towards the government have become increasingly complicated and diversified due to social and economic changes. In addition, the citizens are becoming eager to participate in the policy implementation process such as in public service delivery. The roles hitherto played by the government, especially service delivery and management of public facilities, are now being shared by various non-governmental actors. Particularly, the performances of NGOs are attracting the attention of many including citizens, governments, and students of public administration.

In several of the developing countries, in lieu of weak national governments, NGOs have been assuming the roles of agents of development assistance programs for improving social welfare services. In contrast, in the developed countries, because of financial difficulties, NGOs, private enterprises and the citizens have come to share some roles of the government especially service delivery.

Questions are: which actors should be the main agents of public services, and how to construct creative collaboration and networking among the various actors in delivering public services. In some countries, NGOs are the most trusted actors, above and over the government and the other organizations, while in other countries, especially in deficit driven countries, NGOs are viewed as the least cost implementers of service delivery. Another argument is that as for the developing countries we cannot after all expect much out of NGOs and that rather, the priority in developing countries should be given to strengthening the present weak national governments.

In these contexts, we will hold this panel with the following objectives:

- (1) To increase the knowledge on the roles played by the NGOs in the public services,
- (2) To further analyze the relationships between governments and NGOs, and
- (3) To discuss how to construct creative collaboration between governments and NGOs.

In addition, how to evaluate public services involving the various actors should also be discussed.

Keynote Speaker

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Panelists

- ▶ Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan
National Coordinator, LOK SATTA People Power
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- ▶ Dr. Chindalak Vadhanasindhu
Associate Professor and Dean, School of Public Administration
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- ▶ Mr. Isagani Serrano
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- ▶ Mr. Jacques Mariel Nzouankeu
Permanent Secretary
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- ▶ Mr. Guido Bertucci
Director, Department of Economic and Social Affairs
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- ▶ Mr. Hiromitsu Kataoka
Professor, Waseda University, Japan
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Vice-chairperson

- ▶ Dr. Itoko Suzuki
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Organization of the Panel

- 16:30-17:00 Keynote speech
- 17:00-17:45 Presentation by Dr. Narayan,
Dr. Vadhanasindhu and Mr. Serrano
- 17:45-18:05 Comments by Mr. Nzouankeu and Mr. Bertucci
- 18:05-18:25 Discussion
- 18:25-18:30 Conclusion by the Chairperson

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