

EDITORIAL

For the past thirty-two years of *Science Diliman*, the journal published a relatively low number of articles. Despite this, the contents continually demonstrate the use of science to respond to problems found in the Philippines. Articles of foreign authors are sometimes published in the journal, the aim of which is to show the similarity among scientists in answering scientific questions in a third world environment like ours.

The five articles in this issue dwell on topics in chemistry, toxicology, material science and mariculture. All of the articles show how Filipino scientists respond to local problems, thus manifesting their love of country – a trait that the University of the Philippines inculcates among its constituents.

Moreover, one should not forget the contributions of the editors, referees and technical staff. All do their share in ensuring that the articles are worthy of publication. Their contributions may well be considered as acts of nationalism.

The uniqueness of this journal is in the underscoring of the works of local scientists and technologists, generally with UP Diliman, that help alleviate the problems of the Filipino community. The journal also accentuates the promotion of science and literacy, which hopefully would lead to the economic uplifting of the Philippines.

With this perspective in mind, we hope that more manuscripts would be submitted to this journal for publication.