

# FOREWORD

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INCREASING TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS have transformed the modern world into an interconnected community. From this new age has emerged both the threat of international conflicts, and the need for international cooperation. Now, more than ever, the study of international law has become more relevant and integral to legal practice and to legal education.

Not very many works have been written about public international law in relation to the Philippine context. The *Philippine Yearbook of International Law* is thus a remarkable publication, offering a comprehensive understanding of the current state of the country's international affairs. The *Yearbook* provides scholarly and up-to-date references which will help students and academics gain insights on Philippine state practice and other key developments in modern international law. It will further promote the study of public international law and encourage discussion on the different transnational issues facing the country today.

This 2017 issue of the *Philippine Yearbook of International Law* is particularly momentous as it marks the revival of the *Yearbook* after almost three decades. The *Yearbook* is a showcase of legal scholarship, featuring articles written by distinguished international law experts in the country. It includes the insightful presentations and discussions among international law practitioners at the 2017 Colloquium on International Law Issues. It contains a comprehensive listing of treaties and agreements entered into by the Philippines as well as relevant judicial decisions on international law for the Year 2017, making it an essential source material that impacts Philippine foreign policy directions.

It is with pride that the University of the Philippines College of Law and the UP Law Center are instrumental to this publication. Commendations are due to the UP Law Center – Institute of International Legal Studies (UPLC-IILS) and the Department of Foreign Affairs – Office of Treaties and Legal Affairs (DFA-OTLA), without whose vision and dedication, this endeavor would not have materialized.

In today's globalized world, legal practice has likewise become globalized. I salute all the educators, lawyers and scholars who continuously strive to initiate similar projects and undertakings in order to promote discourse and development in the field of international law and foreign policy.

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