

# Introduction and Acknowledgments

This issue of *Asian Studies* reprints five articles of Dr. Aileen Baviera that had been published in the journal and by the Asian Center between 1997 and 2003. It is the journal's and the Asian Center's way of paying tribute to our colleague, and to make available anew a small portion of impeccable scholarship to the Filipino public. The issue also gathers several essays from many of Dr. Baviera's colleagues, which recognizes her contributions to Philippine foreign policy analysis and to improving Philippines-China relations, among others.

The original years of publication of each article are indicated beside the titles, and show Dr. Baviera's affiliation at the time of publication. We have also retained the citation formats of the original and made minimal edits, all of which are enclosed in brackets. As a concession to current practice, excerpts from the articles are supplied at the start to serve as abstracts. The tribute essays that follow, however, also follow the journal's current citation system.

Finally, we would like to thank Dr. Baviera's children for giving the Asian Center permission to reprint and reformat these articles, and for sharing with us the photo that now graces the cover of this issue. Thanks also goes to Dr. Caroline Hau, who, as co-author of one of the articles, has kindly given her permission as well.

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