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PREFACE

This module is prepared to guide undergraduate students in understanding the fundamental concepts and practices of **Local and Regional Governance**. It is designed to help you explore how local and regional institutions function, how governance is exercised at different levels, and how public policies, institutions, communities, and citizens interact in addressing local and regional concerns. The module introduces key concepts, principles, structures, and frameworks that will strengthen your understanding of decentralization, local autonomy, public participation, accountability, service delivery, and the role of local and regional governments in promoting responsive and sustainable development.

The module follows a learning process that begins with the basic concepts and foundations of local and regional governance and progresses toward the examination of local government institutions, decentralization, intergovernmental relations, local leadership, public participation, accountability, local development planning, and contemporary governance challenges. It encourages students to connect theoretical concepts with actual governance practices, particularly within the Philippine context. Each module includes learning objectives, guided readings, activities, discussions, analysis exercises, and reflection questions that promote active engagement and practical application of concepts. These activities are designed to develop your critical thinking, analytical skills, and ability to examine governance issues from the perspectives of government institutions, communities, and citizens.

Ultimately, this module aims to develop your appreciation and understanding of effective, accountable, participatory, and people-centered local and regional governance. May it serve as a useful companion throughout your study of Local and Regional Governance, encouraging you to critically examine public issues, appreciate the importance of local institutions and communities, and recognize the vital role of governance in improving public services, strengthening local development, and advancing the welfare of the people.

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