

PREFACE

The Center for People Empowerment in Governance (CenPEG) is a young organization founded only in 2004, and it is indeed proud to have initiated a project of such magnitude as the monitoring of the 2010 automated elections in the Philippines. The elections employed a technology that was not only intended to facilitate a quick count of the voting results but more importantly to prevent the usual efforts by unscrupulous individuals and institutions to manipulate the outcome of Philippine elections. For this reason, hopes for the success of the Philippine experiment were high not only within the country but even within the region.

The report herein presented is a detailed account of CenPEG's effort at documenting the collaboration work of various individuals and organizations in dealing with the complex problems of confronting the culture of bureaucracy with which government often frustrates citizen action. The report is thus CenPEG's modest bid to empower the Filipino people in their quest for governance that genuinely serves their nationalist aspirations.

Bienvenido Lumbera
Chair
Board of Directors
Center for People Empowerment in Governance
November 30, 2010