

PREFACE

One of the long-term objectives of the Committee on Libraries and Information Services (CLIS), National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) is to build a comprehensive database of local history materials in all the regions in the Philippines to serve as an instrument of cooperative sharing among libraries, information centers, librarians, and information workers nationwide. Through the Philippine Association of Academic and Research Libraries (PAARL), A Union Catalog of Local History Materials on Region I (Ilocos Region) was proposed and subsequently approved by the NCCA. The project commenced around July 2002 with PAARL designating the undersigned, as Project Coordinator.

The search for materials on the region necessitated consulting not only existing bibliographies but also searching the OPACs of major academic institutions here and abroad that included known universities that hold substantial materials on the Philippines like Yale University, University of Michigan, University of Hawaii, University of California and known national libraries like the Library of Congress, National Library and Archives of Canada, The British Library, and major databases like COPAC, OhioLink, and so on. In the Philippines, we have included in this union catalog the Iloko materials found not only in the National Library and the University of the Philippines System but also those available in big academic libraries such as De La Salle University, Ateneo de Manila University, University of San Carlos in Cebu, and a number of them from the Visayas and Mindanao. We have also undertaken fieldwork that brought us to towns and cities in the North whose librarians contributed immensely in the success of the project. We have in fact included in this compilation the Iloko collection of more than 104 institutions and libraries (86 local and 18 foreign).

The Union Catalog of Local History Materials on Region I (Ilocos Region) contains around 7,065 (including 2,244 periodical articles) titles documenting the Ilocos Region's arts and culture, history, language and literature, education, economic, social, political, and intellectual life (see also list of subjects appended to the catalog). The list covers both print and non-print materials consisting of books, theses and dissertations, sound and electronic resources, microforms both published and unpublished (Part I of the Catalog and in two volumes) and serials/periodical articles (Part II). The entries are arranged according to subjects, a separate list of which is also provided. The entries bear not only bibliographic description but also call numbers and specific library location/availability of the materials. The entire database has been encoded and may soon be available on the Web.

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