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Development Planning

1. Role of provincial or local authorities in development planning in emerging countries of Asia.
2. Urban development planning as a sector of national planning in Asian LCDs.
3. The process of allocating to local authorities or agencies resources required to carry out at the local level national development programs and projects.

Development Administration

1. Assessment of the role of significant ethnic groups in the planning and administration of development programs.
2. Indigenous cultural factors which influence acceptance or nonacceptance of Western norms and practices of management.
3. Influence of significant ethnic groups in the public service upon administrative reform and upon management improvement efforts.
4. Biographic studies of influential national administrators to account for their success or lack of success in development programs.
5. Comparative studies of various administrative processes in SEA countries (budgeting, personnel, O&M studies, etc.) to provide indigenous materials for teaching and public administration.
6. Role of private enterprise groups in development programming and administration in SEA countries.
7. Changing role of the provincial governor under SEA country development programs.

Organization for Development Programs

1. Effect of local bureaucratic practices upon the direction and speed of national development programs in a SEA country.
2. Comparison of national political and administrative systems before and after national independence.

3. Evaluation of communications between the national authorities and popular groups on development problems, policies, and programs as an essential element in the development process.
4. The power structure in the SEA country as it relates to efforts to effect administrative reforms.
5. Legislative and executive branches of the SEA country in national development programs.

The Public Services in Development Programs

1. Assessment of relative effectiveness of civilian and military leadership in programs for administrative reforms. (Include comparison of respective operational strategies.)
2. Relationship of local voluntary and private agencies to public agencies and officials in carrying out development programs.
3. Economic control measures as a source of corruption in the public services -- possible alternative methods of implementing development programs and policies.
4. Cultural factors and values which significantly affect official decisions and actions by public services.