This is probably the first book ever written on land use planning in the Philippines (that is not a Guidebook), and thus has to cover a lot of ground. It is comprehensive, covering planning at various levels of government, by different agencies involved, and for various configurations of land and different territorial and property domains. The author also uses a much broader definition of land than what has traditionally been meant by the term.

The author uses the historical approach in his treatment of major topics, detailing events and conceptions of the past, so that the reader may better understand and appreciate the present. However, he goes further than just offering an analytical documentation of the events; he draws generalizations from the details and stops short of constructing theory. That will probably be done later, after more generalizations have been made and verified.

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