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INTRODUCTION

These notes actually form a section of the total Bikol course in that they are grammar notes for reference and are cited in the lessons. The lessons do not contain grammar notes because of this.

This volume consists of three parts: (1) basic sentence structure, (2) additions to the basic structure, and (3) advanced grammatical forms (additional affix series).

Part I of the notes is intended as a unit to be used in its entirety. It is arranged so that each succeeding section is based upon the section that comes before it. Parts II and III, on the other hand, may be used without reference to what precedes or follows a given structure. The first four units of the lessons contain many references to Part II of the notes. The next three units (V-VII) have references to Part III of these notes.

As a part of a basic Bikol course, grammar sessions should be scheduled at appropriate intervals either in addition to the time taken for the lessons, or in place of one of the daily lessons. Part I should be covered by the completion of Unit III of the lessons. The depth to which the grammar is explored depends upon the needs and desires of each individual class, and upon the teacher. Part I is written so that the teacher may choose only brief explanations and move on, or may continue on into more difficult examples and formulas.

