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**PLAI CENTENNIAL NATIONAL CONGRESS**

Attached is an invitation from the Philippine Librarians Association, Incorporated (PLAI), announcing the conduct of the PLAI Centennial National Congress on November 21-24, 2023 at the SMX Convention Center, Clark Field, Pampanga, for information of all concerned.

Other details relative to this activity are stipulated in the abovementioned invitation.

Considering that this is an Advisory, Schools Division Superintendents are given the discretion to act on this matter.

Please be guided accordingly.

  
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20 October 2023

**EVELYN R. FETALVERO**  
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Dear **Director Fetalvero**:

Greetings from the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc.!

The Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI), in partnership with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) through the National Committee on Library and Information Services (NCLIS), the National Library of the Philippines (NLP), and the University of the Assumption will be conducting the PLAI Centennial National Congress on 21-24 November 2023 at the SMX Convention Center, Clark Field, Pampanga.

With the theme, "*Paghanduraw kag Padayon: Heritage. Horizon. Harmony*", this year's PLAI Centennial Anniversary Congress aims to:

1. Raise awareness about the importance of preserving and promoting cultural heritage within library services.
2. Explore innovative strategies and best practices for preserving and showcasing cultural heritage materials in libraries.
3. Foster collaborations and partnerships between libraries, cultural institutions, and local communities to effectively preserve and promote heritage resources.
4. Provide insights into emerging technologies and trends that are shaping the future of libraries and information services.
5. Facilitate discussions and knowledge sharing on leveraging technology to enhance library services, including digitization, digital preservation, and access to resources.
6. Explore the integration of new technologies such as artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and blockchain in library practices.
7. Foster a culture of collaboration among librarians, researchers, educators, and other stakeholders to share experiences, challenges, and successes in the field.
8. Promote inclusivity and diversity in library services and collections, addressing issues of accessibility, representation, and cultural sensitivity.
9. Identify strategies to engage and empower marginalized communities through library initiatives and outreach programs.



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There will be plenary sessions and parallel sessions sponsored by sectoral library associations to discuss topics relevant to the different types of libraries (i.e., academic, public, school, and special). Moreover, the General Assembly will be held to present updates and provide a venue for discussion of concerns relating to the Association and to the profession in general.

As the host of this year's Congress, the Central Luzon Region Librarians Council (CeLRLC), in collaboration with the University of the Assumption, would like to request your Office's endorsement of this activity so that school administrators in Region VIII may encourage their librarians, teacher-librarians, and library personnel to attend. Please find a copy of the tentative program attached for your reference.

Despite the fact that the Congress is a national event, we are writing to all DepEd Regional Offices to invite all school administrators and librarians to attend. For more information, you may email us at [plaicongressofficial@gmail.com](mailto:plaicongressofficial@gmail.com) or contact the undersigned.

Your positive response to these humble intents is highly anticipated with much hope and respect.

Thank you very much and warm regards.

Sincerely yours,

  
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PLAI President



**PLAI CENTENNIAL NATIONAL CONGRESS 2023**  
**Theme “Paghanduraw kag Padayon: Heritage. Horizon. Harmony”**  
**21-24 November 2023**  
**SMX Convention, Clark Field, Pampanga**

**Tentative Program as of October 17, 2023**

| Day 1   21 November 2023 (Tuesday)   |                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 08:00-12:00                          | Arrival/ Ingress/ Pre-Congress Meeting                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 08:00-09:00                          | Opening of the Book and Tech Fair (please see the separate program) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 13:00-17:00                          | Registration of Participants<br>House of Delegates (HOD) Convention |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Day 2   22 November 2023 (Wednesday) |                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 08:00-08:30                          | Opening Ceremonies                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                      | Processional                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                      | Entrance of Colors                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                      | National Anthem                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                      | Invocation                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                      | PLAI March                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 08:30-09:00                          | Opening Remarks                                                     | <b>Rene Manlangit, RL, MLIS</b><br>President, Philippine Librarians Association, Inc.(PLAI)                                                                                                                    |
|                                      | Message                                                             | <b>Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano</b><br>Director, National Library of the Philippines (NLP)                                                                                                                         |
|                                      | Message                                                             | <b>Hon. Salvacion M. Arlante, RL</b><br>Head, National Commission for Culture and the Arts-National Committee on Libraries and Information Services (NCCA-NCLIS)                                               |
|                                      | Mechanics of the Congress                                           | <b>Roilingel P. Calilung, RL, M.Ed., MBA</b><br>Executive Vice President, Philippine Librarians Association, Inc.                                                                                              |
|                                      | Introduction of the Keynote Speaker                                 | <b>Venus B. Oruga, RL, MLIS</b><br>Vice President for Luzon<br>Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI)                                                                                                  |
| 09:00-10:00                          | Keynote Address                                                     | <b>HERITAGE</b><br><b>Prof. Ambeth R. Ocampo</b><br>Professor, Ateneo de Manila University                                                                                                                     |
|                                      | Introduction of the Keynote Speaker                                 | <b>Ana Mae B. Cantel, RL, MLIS</b><br>Vice President for Visayas<br>Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI)                                                                                             |
| 10:01-11:00                          | Keynote Address                                                     | <b>HORIZON</b><br><b>Hon. Yolanda C. Granda</b><br>Chairperson, Professional Regulatory Board for Librarians                                                                                                   |
|                                      | Introduction of the Keynote Speaker                                 | <b>Arneil Enario, RL, MLIS</b><br>Vice President for Mindanao<br>Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI)                                                                                                |
| 11:01-12:00                          | Keynote Address                                                     | <b>HARMONY</b><br><b>Hon. Victorino “Ino” Mapa Manalo</b><br>Chairman<br>National Commission for Culture and the Arts                                                                                          |
| 12:01 - 13:00                        | <b>Health Break</b>                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                      | <b>Plenary Sessions</b>                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 13:01 - 13:45                        | Plenary Session 1                                                   | <b>LIBRARIES IN THE 5TH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION:<br/>INNOVATIONS AND CHALLENGES</b><br><b>HON. LOURDES T. DAVID</b><br>Chair, CPD Council for Librarians<br>Member, Professional Regulatory Board for Librarians |

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| 13:46 - 14:30                              | Plenary Session 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>MEDIA AND INFORMATION LITERACY FOR LIFELONG LEARNING: EMPOWERING THE FUTURE GENERATION</b><br>JOEY ALAGARAN, Ph.D.<br>President Emeritus<br>Philippine Association for Media and Information Literacy<br>Manila                                        |
| 14:31 - 15:15                              | Plenary Session 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>DIGITAL CURATION / METADATA</b><br>JESSE JOHNSTON<br>Project Director and Principal at ARC Group: Archives Research and Consulting and works at Faculty Member at University of Michigan School of Information                                         |
| 15:16 - 16:00                              | Plenary Session 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>FOSTERING HARMONY IN LIBRARIES THROUGH EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION, AND ACCESSIBILITY (EDIA)</b><br>RHEA ROWENA U. APOLINARIO, RL, MLIS<br>Dean, School of Library and Information Studies<br>University of the Philippines Diliman<br>Quezon City |
| 16:01 - 16:45                              | Plenary Session 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>ENRICHING LIBRARY RESOURCES THROUGH PLACENAME DOCUMENTATION</b><br>IAN CHRISTOPHER B. ALFONSO<br>Senior History Researcher<br>National Historical Commission of the Philippines                                                                        |
|                                            | <b>FELLOWSHIP NIGHT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 18:00-21:00                                | Librarians' Fellowship Dinner<br>Attire: Barrio Fiesta                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                            | Opening Ceremonies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                            | Philippine National Anthem (AVP)<br>Opening Prayer (AVP)<br>Message                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 18:30-19:00                                | <b>HON. DENNIS PINEDA</b><br>Governor<br>Provincial Government of Pampanga                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 19:00-19:30                                | Dinner<br>Games and Raffle                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 20:00-21:00                                | Intermission                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Day 3   23 November 2023 (Thursday)</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 08:00-10:00<br>(2 hours)                   | Parallel Session 1 - Room 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                            | <b>1A: REINVENTING REFERENCE SERVICE QUALITY: A CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT REVIEW OF THE DLS-CSB CENTER FOR LEARNING RESOURCES (CLR) HYFLEX INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM</b><br>Sherwin A. Caparas, Richard A. Directo, Abraham G. Gojar, Inocencio V. Raquenio, Jr., and Anna Lorriza D. Sajona |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                            | <b>1B: UNDERSTANDING VIRTUAL REFERENCE SERVICE (VRS): METADATA ANALYSIS ON THE LIBANSWERS HYFLEX</b><br>Inocencio V. Raquenio, Jr. and Anna Lorriza D. Sajona                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                            | <b>1C: SERVICE ENGAGEMENT OF THE BENILDE CENTER FOR LEARNING RESOURCES (CLR): A STUDY ON WORK-LIFE BALANCE, TECHNOSTRESS CREATORS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING OF LIBRARIANS</b><br>Christson A. Delmo                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                            | <b>Open Forum and Proem of Library Products and Services</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| 8:00-10:00  | <b>Parallel Session 2 – Room 2</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| (2 hours)   | <p><b>2A: BUILDING RESILIENT LIBRARIES: A STUDY OF ICT CONTINUITY AWARENESS AND IMPLEMENTATION IN SELECTED STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (SUC) TO ENSURE FUTURE QUALITY SERVICES</b><br/>Joemar D. Sajona, RL, MLIS and Anna Loriza D. Sajona, RL. MAEd. LS</p> <p><b>2B: EXPLORING THE NEXUS BETWEEN WORK SPIRITUALITY, JOB SATISFACTION, AND JOB OVERLOAD AMONG LIBRARY EMPLOYEES IN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS</b><br/>Michael Anthony A. Mojica, Helen A. Advincula, and Marian Ramos-Eclevia</p> <p><b>2C: ACADEMIC LIBRARIANS' UNDERSTANDING OF "PREDATORY" PUBLISHING: AN EXAMINATION OF AWARENESS AND ATTITUDES</b><br/>Yhna Therese P. Santos</p>                                                           |
| 8:00-10:00  | <b>Parallel Session 3 – Room 3</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| (2 hours)   | <p><b>3A: HYFLEX SERVICES IN ACADEMIC LIBRARIES: BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN PHYSICAL AND VIRTUAL USER EXPERIENCES</b><br/>Judeefyn S. Bundoc, Jesus Raymond Mijares, and Mariella Dorado</p> <p><b>3B: ENHANCING INFORMATION RETRIEVAL: A CASE STUDY OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS' RESEARCH SKILLS, ATTITUDE, AND BEHAVIOR IN RESEARCH, AND LIBRARY TOOL UTILIZATION OF THE SELECTED ACADEMIC LIBRARIES</b><br/>Cyndy Llosa, Joyce Pascua, Middorie Tolentino, and Ana Mae Kristine H. Lozanta, PhD</p> <p><b>3C: DEVELOPING RESEARCH CULTURE: FACETS OF RESEARCH MOTIVATION, ENGAGEMENT, AND PRODUCTIVITY OF SELECTED ACADEMIC LIBRARIANS</b><br/>Aicelle J. Cabillan, Razel Natalie D. Munoz, and Mark Edzel R. Gonzales</p> |
| 10:01-12:00 | <b>Parallel Session 4 – Room 1</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| (2 hours)   | <p><b>LEADERSHIP ROLES OF HEAD LIBRARIANS IN SELECTED STATE AND LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (NCR) IN THE LENS OF COMPETING VALUESFRAMEWORK MODEL</b><br/>Ross T. Bachiller and Rizalyn Visperas-Janio</p> <p><b>LOCAL TABLETOP GAMES AS A TOOL FOR LEARNING: A PUBLIC LIBRARY EXPERIENCE</b><br/>Rochelle S. Silverio; Marc Reuben K. Cuento*</p> <p><b>BEYOND THE LIBRARY LEARNING SPACES: AN ASSESSMENT OF DISCUSSION ROOM USAGE OF DELA SALLE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES</b><br/>Rosendo S. Rama, Jr.; Cynthia L. Cordova</p>                                                                                                                                                             |
| 10:01-12:00 | <b>Parallel Session 5 – Room 2</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| (2 hours)   | <p><b>HARMONIZING LIBRARIANSHIP WITH DEMOCRATIC STEWARDSHIP : ROLE OF LIBRARIANS AND INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS IN THE SOUTHERN TAGALOG REGION</b><br/>Marcial R. Batiangila, Audrey G. Anday, and Augusta Rosario A. Villamater</p> <p><b>QUALITY ASSURANCE OF HYFLEX LIBRARY SERVICES AMONG ACADEMIC LIBRARIES IN CALABARZON REGION: BASIS FOR A QA FRAMEWORK</b><br/>Myma M. Casipit, RL, EdD</p> <p><b>FROM CITATIONS TO MENTIONS: ANALYZING RESEARCH IMPACT USING PLUMX METRICS</b><br/>Luis Ezra D. Cruz and Elizabeth Padilla</p>                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| 10:01-12:00<br>(2 hours) | <b>Parallel Session 6 – Room 3</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |
|                          | <b>LIBRARIANS' LIVED EXPERIENCES IN TEACHING BACHELOR OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE PROGRAM IN THE VISAYAS</b><br>Jonathan M. Ricardo and Christler Aaron R. Miranda<br><br><b>LIBRARIANSHIP IN THE ACADEME: A PHENOMENOLOGICAL STUDY</b><br>Geraldine G. Mallo-Eustaquio<br><br><b>LIVED EXPERIENCES OF LIBRARIANS IN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (HEI'S) ON THE USE OF ONLINE LIBRARY AUTOMATION SYSTEM IN REGION XI</b><br>Angelita A. Bisares, RL, PhD                                        |  |
| 12:01-13:00              | <b>Health Break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| 13:01-15:00              | <b>Parallel Session 7 – Room 1</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |
|                          | <b>MAKERSPACE IN ACADEMIC LIBRARIES: EXPLORING EMERGING TRENDS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS</b><br>Marvin A. Factor, Catherine T. Cabonegro, Donna Lyn G. Labangon, and Luis Ezra D. Cruz<br><br><b>AACR2, "ORIGINAL" RDA, AND "OFFICIAL" RDA: IMPLICATIONS FOR LIS EDUCATION AND PRACTICE IN THE PHILIPPINES</b><br>Mark Anthony A. Santos<br><br><b>ONE VAM (ONE VISION. ONE ACCESS. ONE MINDANAO): THE ILS STATUS OF MASTSLINET INSTITUTIONS</b><br>Merced, B.M. Jr., Zalzos R.P., Diaz R.R. and Cataytay D.C. |  |
|                          | <b>Parallel Session 8 – Room 2 (PAARL)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
|                          | <b>EMERGING TRENDS IN ACADEMIC LIBRARIES</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
|                          | <b>Parallel Session 9 – Room 3 (PASLI)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
|                          | <b>EMERGING TRENDS IN SCHOOL LIBRARIES</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
|                          | <b>Parallel Session 10 – Room 1 (ALPS)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| 15:00-17:00              | <b>EMERGING TRENDS IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
|                          | <b>Parallel Session 11 – Room 2 (MAHLAP)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
|                          | <b>DESIGN THINKING: TRANSFORMING LIBRARIES INTO INSPIRING SPACES FOR CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION</b><br>Joenabie E. Arevalo, RL, MLIS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
|                          | <b>Parallel Session – Room 3 (ASLP)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
|                          | <b>EMERGING TRENDS IN SPECIAL LIBRARIES</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |

| <b>Day 4   24 November 2023 (Friday)</b> |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| 08:00-12:00                              | <b>Plenary Sessions</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 8:00 - 8:45                              | Plenary Session 6       | <b>RA 9246: AMENDMENTS, CHALLENGES, AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS</b><br>MICHAEL A. PINTO<br>Librarian IV, Cagayan Provincial Learning and Resource Center<br>Tuguegarao City          |
| 8:46 - 9:30                              | Plenary Session 7       | <b>LIBRARIES AS SOCIAL SPACES: ENGAGING, COLLABORATING, NETWORKING</b><br>CHRISTINE ABRIGO, RL, MLIS<br>Director of Libraries<br>De La Salle University<br>Taft Avenue, Manila |

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| 9:31 - 10:15  | Plenary Session 8          | <b>LIBRARIES AS CATALYSTS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</b><br>DOLORES D. CARUNGUI, DPA<br>Chief, Reference Division<br>National Library of the Philippines<br>Ermita, Manila                                                        |
| 10:16 - 11:00 | Plenary Session 9          | <b>COLLABORATIVE APPROACHES FOR LIBRARY ADVOCACY</b><br>LYNDERLITTE MAGLAQUE, RL, MLIS<br>Supervising Science Research Specialist<br>DOST-Science and Technology Information Institute<br>Taguig City                              |
| 11:01 - 12:00 | Plenary Session 10         | <b>DATA SCIENCE-RELATED TOPIC</b><br>ATTY. SENANDO ANGELO R. SANTIAGO, JD, MSc, DS<br>Law Reform Specialist II, Institute of the Administration of Justice<br>University of the Philippines Law Complex<br>UP Diliman, Quezon City |
| 12:00 - 13:00 | Health Break               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 13:01 - 17:00 | 2023 PLAI General Assembly |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

**Note:** Please keep in mind that this program is only preliminary and is subject to change based on the availability of speakers, logistics and other related concerns. Also, the topics for the plenary and parallel sessions are still being finalized.