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**TO : Regional Directors**  
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**FROM : WILFREDO E. CABRAL**  
*Regional Director*  
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*Human Resource and Organizational Development*

**ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO**  
*Undersecretary for Operations*

**SUBJECT : INVITATION TO THE ANNUAL NATIONAL CONGRESS**

**DATE : 13 June 2024**

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)**, and the **National Library of the Philippines (NLP)** will be conducting its **Annual National Congress** on 19-22 of November at the **Grand Menseng Hotel, Davao City**.

*Librarian/s, teacher-librarians, and library personnel associated with the Department of Education may opt to attend the said activity provided that their participation will not hamper the conduct of classes in schools. The use of DepEd funds shall be subject to the approval of their respective approving authorities. The same is also contingent upon its availability, and adherence to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.*

Please see the attached communication from PLAI for more details. Should there be further inquiries, kindly email the PLAI Secretariat through the email address [plaicongressofficial@gmail.com](mailto:plaicongressofficial@gmail.com) or mobile number 0998-992-2267.

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May 27, 2024

**SARA Z. DUTERTE**  
Vice-President of the Philippines  
Secretary  
Department of Education  
Philippines

Thru:

**USEC. GINA O. GONONG**  
Undersecretary for Curriculum and Teaching.

Dear **VP Sara**,

Warmest greetings from PLAI!

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), and the National Library of the Philippines (NLP), will be conducting its **Annual National Congress on 19-22 November 2024** at the Grand Menseng Hotel, Davao City.

With the theme, ***“Knowledge Integration: Connecting Minds, Empowering Communities”***, this year’s PLAI National Congress objectives are the following:

1. **Promoting Knowledge Collaboration:** The project aims to encourage librarians and information professionals to collaborate and form strong partnerships with various stakeholders, including academic institutions, local government units, NGOs, private organizations, and community members. These collaborations will foster a dynamic exchange of knowledge and expertise to address local challenges and opportunities.
2. **Enhancing Information Access:** By identifying and implementing innovative strategies for information dissemination, the project intends to improve information access and availability for diverse communities. Special emphasis will be placed on reaching marginalized and underserved populations.
3. **Facilitating Interdisciplinary Exchange:** The project seeks to break down silos between different fields of knowledge and promote interdisciplinary interactions. It will encourage librarians to curate diverse resources and engage in knowledge integration, leading to enriched learning experiences for individuals and groups.



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4. **Empowering Local Communities:** Through knowledge-sharing initiatives and community-centered projects, the project will empower local communities to take an active role in defining their development needs and finding sustainable solutions. Librarians will act as catalysts for community-driven development and social cohesion.
5. **Embracing Technology for Inclusivity:** The project will explore the effective use of technology in connecting minds and disseminating knowledge. Emphasis will be placed on digital literacy, e-learning, and the utilization of emerging technologies to bridge the digital divide.

We are pleased to announce that this year's Congress will feature plenary and parallel sessions sponsored by sectoral library associations, focusing on topics pertinent to various types of libraries (i.e., academic, public, school, and special). These sessions will provide a platform for in-depth discussions, knowledge sharing, and professional development tailored to your specific needs. Additionally, the General Assembly will serve as a crucial forum for presenting updates and addressing key concerns related to the Association and the profession at large.

In this connection, we earnestly **request** your esteemed Office's **endorsement** to all Department of Education Schools **to encourage their librarians, teacher-librarians, and library personnel to actively participate in this significant event.** Please find the tentative program attached for your reference.

While the Congress is a national event, we are extending this invitation to **all DEPED Regional Offices**, urging school **administrators and librarians to attend.** This is a unique opportunity for professional growth, networking, and collaboration across the country.

For further information, please feel free to email us to [plaicongressofficial@gmail.com](mailto:plaicongressofficial@gmail.com) or contact the undersigned directly. Your positive response to this humble invitation is highly anticipated, as we look forward to your participation with much hope and respect. Your involvement will undoubtedly contribute to the success of this Congress and the advancement of our profession.

Thank you very much and warm regards.

Sincerely yours,



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Conference Chair and Executive Vice President

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Noted:

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