

MESSAGE

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The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) has been committed to bring science closer to the people towards the improvement of the quality of life. Through our flagship programs, we were able to inspire our Filipino researchers and scientists to prove the value of their work not only to our fellow countrymen but also to the rest of the world.

The COVID-19 pandemic brought out gaps in our healthcare system, but at the same time, presented opportunities for research and collaboration. At the DOST, through the research and development (R&D) councils, R&D institutes, S&T service institutes, regional offices, and provincial centers, and of course, NAST Philippines, we have lived up to our commitment.

We supported research projects to help the government in its efforts to manage the risks and uncertainties brought by the COVID-19 pandemic. We collaborated with Filipino scientists and researchers to be able to produce products, technologies, and systems that address the needs brought about by the pandemic.

With the COVID-19 pandemic still here, we are doing our best to learn and cope. We are continuously assessing that we have developed towards improvement and further innovations.

It has been said that pandemics would become more and more frequent in our lifetime. We should therefore not stop collaborating with each other so that we will be more prepared in the future.

NAST Philippines prepared a foresight document on science, technology, and innovation for the next 30 years, aptly titled *PAGTANAW 2050*. Let us study this document. I am sure that we will be able to pick up many interesting key points that we can use to manage our future better. Being concerned with our future and the future of our earth should always be kept in our consciousness.

We must further advance “Science for the People” to everyone’s benefit.

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