

# WELCOME MESSAGE

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Greetings!

On behalf of the National Academy of Science and Technology, Philippines (NAST PHL), it is my privilege to extend a warm welcome to you as we embark on a new chapter of our journal—Transactions of the National Academy of Science and Technology or Transactions NAST PHL.

Since its establishment in 1979, Transactions NAST PHL has been a hub of scientific discourse, providing a platform for the publication of papers presented during the Academy's Annual Scientific Meeting. As a national science academy, it has been our mission to promote science-based policy discussions and recommendations on timely and relevant national issues. We are proud to continue this tradition of excellence and intellectual pursuit.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Transactions NAST PHL Board of Editors and Editorial Staff, who have tirelessly worked for the timely release and improvement of this journal. Their unwavering commitment to uphold the quality of published work is truly commendable.

With Volume 43 (2021), we are excited to announce that Transactions NAST PHL has expanded its horizons to welcome contributions from the global scientific community across all fields of study. This inclusive approach allows us to embrace a diversity of ideas, fostering collaboration, and furthering our collective knowledge. From agricultural sciences to social sciences, we encourage submissions that push the boundaries of research and innovation.

As we move forward, Transactions NAST PHL will continue to uphold the highest standards of scholarly excellence. We are committed to providing a platform that not only showcases groundbreaking research but also encourages thoughtful discussions and intellectual exchange.

In closing, I invite everyone to engage with Transactions NAST PHL, be they contributors, reviewers, or avid readers. Together, let us explore the new scientific findings, shed light on pressing issues, and inspire positive change through knowledge and innovation. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to embarking on this exciting journey with you.

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