

MESSAGE

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President, Republic of the Philippines

My warmest greetings to the National Academy of Science and Technology, Philippines (NAST PHL) as you hold your 45th Annual Scientific Meeting.

Our collective progress is hinged on the passion, curiosity, and expertise of our scientists who continue to explore a myriad of possibilities through science and technology (S&T). It is with great delight that we have the NAST PHL at the forefront of national development by being an advisory body on policies concerning the scientific community.

This year's theme is relevant in creating spaces for dialogue on the role of S&T in achieving greater inclusion and welfare. I am confident that the many scientific disciplines, especially those in the social sciences, will be useful in examining how we can further strengthen our institutions and empower our people in the face of many uncertainties of modernity.

As President, I assure you that you have my full support in pursuing your academic endeavors and widening the horizons of the world we live in through research and innovation. Together, let us carry the torch of knowledge and light the path ahead towards a brighter future for generations to come.

I wish you a productive and successful meeting.

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