

MESSAGE

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My warmest greetings to the participants of the 45th Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) hosted by the National Academy of Science and Technology, Philippines (NAST PHL), with the theme “*Agham at Teknolohiya para sa Demokrasya* (Science and Technology for Democracy).”

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) recognizes the crucial role that science, technology, and innovation (STI) play in our society. This is exhibited through the implementation of programs and initiatives to address environmental and social challenges in the country. The Harmonized National Research and Development Agenda 2022-2028 of the DOST outlines its commitment in making scientific and technological advancements in agriculture, natural resources, health, disaster risk reduction, and climate change adaptation for equitable and sustainable development in the Philippines. The programs of the Department prioritize the application of STI for community transformation, environmental protection, and socio-economic development, ensuring that these are accessible to all Filipinos particularly in underserved communities.

I would like to express my appreciation to NAST PHL for their dedication and commitment to the promotion of STI through events such as the ASM. My gratitude also to all DOST Regional Offices and Provincial Science and Technology Offices (PSTOs) throughout the Philippines for their continuing partnership with NAST PHL in inspiring more Filipinos to engage in scientific discovery, innovations, and breakthroughs in the conduct of the three (3) regional scientific meetings in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.

May the 45th ASM serve as a platform to discuss and exchange valuable insights and inspire collaboration with one another in developing applications of STI to create and promote a more democratic and inclusive society. May this gathering serve as an excellent opportunity to explore new horizons, expand our knowledge, and strengthen our bonds

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