

MESSAGE

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I convey my heartfelt greetings to the National Academy of Science and Technology Philippines (NAST PHL) as it holds its 46th Annual Scientific Meeting.

For many decades, we have witnessed the NAST PHL achieve scientific breakthroughs that helped solve many of the pressing problems in our country. Since the start of my administration and during my tenure as concurrent agriculture secretary, I have emphasized that food security is the primary issue that hounds our country, and that we must look to science and technology to help secure productivity and self-sufficiency in our agricultural sector.

This annual scientific meeting serves as a significant avenue for stakeholders in the public and private sectors to innovate, share best practices, and promote forward-thinking policies that will bolster the agricultural sector to sustain the needs of our growing population. I also look forward to seeing the recommendations and outcomes of this important gathering as we employ a whole-of-government response to the concerns beyond farm productivity.

May our esteemed scientists continue to engage in endeavors that will improve the quality of life of every Filipino and bring real economic growth to our country. Let us also harness the power of science, technology, and innovation as a driving force for achieving our goal of a Bagong Pilipinas.

I wish you a productive and meaningful event.

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