

## Message: On NAST PHL's and the PHILIPPINE HERITAGE SCIENCE CENTER's ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



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On the occasion of the anniversary of the National Academy of Science and Technology Philippines (NAST PHL) and the Philippine Science Heritage Center (PSHC), I extend my warmest congratulations and appreciation to everyone who has made this milestone possible. This celebration honors two institutions that truly stand at the heart of our nation's scientific journey. As we celebrate our 49th year, we also proudly mark the start of our official preparations for the Academy's 50th founding anniversary in 2026, a golden jubilee that will further illuminate our commitment to bringing science within the reach of every Filipino.

*Ang NAST PHL ay simbolo ng talino, husay, at integridad ng ating mga pinakamahusay na siyentipiko, mga Pilipinong inialay ang kanilang buhay sa paglilingkod sa bayan sa pamamagitan ng agham. Samantala, ang PSHC ang nagbibigay-buhay sa mga kuwentong ito, making science more accessible, engaging, at makabuluhan para sa bawat Pilipino. [NAST PHL is a symbol of the intellect, excellence, and integrity of our finest scientists—Filipinos who have dedicated their lives to serving the nation through science. Meanwhile, the PSHC brings these stories to life, making science more accessible, engaging, and meaningful for every Filipino.]*

I am proud of how these two institutions work hand in hand. *Ang NAST PHL ang tahanan ng pinakamahusay na siyentipiko ng bansa at nagsisilbing pangunahing tagapayo ng pamahalaan sa mga patakarang nakabatay sa agham samantala ang PSHC naman ay naglalayon na gisingin ang pagkamangha ng bawat bisita, at itanim ang pride sa ating scientific heritage, lalo na sa susunod na henerasyon ng mga Pilipino. Pinapaalala nila sa atin na ang agham ay hindi lamang para sa iilan, kundi isang puwersang naglilingkod sa tao at sa sambayanan. [NAST PHL is the home of the country's finest scientists and serves as the government's primary advisor on science-based policies, while the PSHC aims to awaken the wonder of every visitor and instill pride in our scientific heritage, especially in the next generation of Filipinos. They remind us that science is not just for a select few, but a force that serves the people and the nation.]*

As we mark these milestones, we also reaffirm our commitment to a future where science truly serves the people, *kung saan ang kaalaman ay nagbibigay-lakas sa mga komunidad, ang inobasyon ay nagpapalakas ng ating resilience, at ang ebidensya ang gumagabay sa ating mga desisyon bilang isang bansa. Nawa’y patuloy na maging inspirasyon at gabay ang NAST PHL at PSHC sa pagtataguyod ng kahusayan, integridad at malasakit sa agham.* [As we mark these milestones, we also reaffirm our commitment to a future where science truly serves the people, where knowledge empowers communities, innovation strengthens our resilience, and evidence guides our decisions as a nation. May NAST PHL and PSHC continue to be an inspiration and guide in championing excellence, integrity, and compassion in science.]

To the officers, members, partners, and supporters. *Sa mga namumuno, mga miyembro, at mga katuwang, maraming salamat sa inyong patuloy na paniniwala sa kapangyarihan ng agham para sa bayan. Maligayang anibersaryo at isang maka-Agham na araw sa ating lahat.* [To the leaders, members, and partners, thank you very much for your continued belief in the power of science for the nation. Happy anniversary, and have a science-oriented day to all of us.]

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