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**MEMORANDUM FROM THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR**

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**FOR : PRESIDENTS/ HEADS  
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS  
IN REGION XI**

**ATTENTION: LIBRARIANS AND LIBRARY STAFF**

**SUBJECT : PARTICIPATION IN THE PHILIPPINE LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
(PLAI) ANNUAL NATIONAL CONGRESS ON NOVEMBER 22-25, 2022  
AT THE ILOILO CONVENTION CENTER, ILOILO CITY, PHILIPPINES**

**DATE : SEPTEMBER 7, 2022**

Pursuant to the pertinent provisions of R.A. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994" this Office hereby endorses the above-mentioned undertaking, for the support and participation of all concerned. This Congress is initiated by the **Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI) in partnership with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) through the National Committee on Library and Information Services (NCLIS). AND THE National Library of the Philippines (NLP) with the theme: "Working Together: Sustainability, Opportunity, Adaptability, Resiliency (SOAR).**

Librarian and Library Staff of the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) are encouraged to attend the said Congress in voluntary basis.

Attached are the pertinent communications for your reference. For any concern, please contact **Roilingel P. Calilung**, Conference Chair and PLAI Executive Vice-President at his Mobile No. **09776339792** or directly at this e-mail: **roilingelcalilung@gmail.com.**

  
**MARICAR R. CASQUEJO, PhD, CESO III**  
Director IV





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5 September 2022

**DR. MARICAR R. CASQUEJO, CESO III**  
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Dear **Regional Director Dr. Casquejo**:

Greetings from the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc.!

Founded in 1923, the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI) is one of the oldest library associations in the Southeast Asia and the world. PLAI is the only Accredited Integrated Professional Organization (AIPO) of registered librarians in the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) with around 8,000 members all over the country represented by the 17 regional councils in the three island clusters of Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.

Every year, the Association holds its regular meetings in the National Capital Region (NCR) since its headquarters is located at the National Library of the Philippines (NLP), T.M. Kalaw St., Ermita, Manila. Just this year, PLAI held two online meetings via Zoom while the third quarter was held at the NLP.

In partnership with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) through the National Committee on Library and Information Services (NCLIS), and the National Library of the Philippines (NLP), PLAI will be conducting its Annual National Congress on **22-25 November 2022** at the Iloilo Convention Center, Iloilo City, Philippines.

With the theme, ***“Working Together: Sustainability, Opportunity, Adaptability, Resiliency (SOAR)”***, this year’s Congress aims to:

- Describe how do libraries of today translate changing needs and services into functional, inspiring, and adaptable spaces for the future, especially considering the pandemic.
- Discuss the library resilience in the face of disruption caused by outbreaks/pandemic, and it will highlight examples of library resilience during these unprecedented times, including evidence of library roles in providing research assistance to clients.
- Demonstrate the significant initiatives, sustainability and adaptability measures taken by the libraries which can be followed by others to meet the post lockdown needs.

There will be plenary sessions and parallel sessions sponsored by sectoral library associations to discuss topics relevant to the different type of libraries (i.e., academic, public, school, and special). Moreover, the General Assembly will be held to present updates and provide a venue for discussion of concerns relating to the Association and to the profession in general.



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In this regard, we would like to request for your Office's endorsement of this activity so that administrators of higher education institutions (HEIs) in the region will encourage their librarians and staff to attend. Please find attached a copy of the tentative program for your reference.

For more information, you may email us at [plaicongress2022@gmail.com](mailto:plaicongress2022@gmail.com) or contact the undersigned.

Your positive response on these humble intents is highly anticipated with much hope and respect.

Thank you very much and warm regards.

Sincerely yours,

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**RENE B. MANLANGIT**  
PLAI President



**PLAI CONGRESS 2022**  
**Theme "Working Together: Sustainability. Opportunity. Adaptability. Resiliency. (SOAR)"**  
**November 22-25, 2022**  
**Iloilo Convention Center, Iloilo City**

**Tentative Program as of September 4, 2022**

Date/Time	Activities
November 22 – Day 1	Opening of the Book Fair (please see the separate program) Registration to the PLAI Congress 2022
November 23 – Day 2	
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Opening Ceremonies  Processional  Opening Prayer (AVP) Philippine National Anthem (AVP)  Message GESAR GILBERT Q. ADRIANO Director, National Library of the Philippines  Message SALVACION M. ARLANTE Chair, National Committee on Libraries and Information Services  Message HON. YOLANDA C. GRANDA Chair, Professional Regulatory Board for Librarians
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Keynote Address Working Together: Sustainability. Opportunity. Adaptability. Resiliency. (SOAR): A Keynote HON. JERRY P. TREÑAS City Mayor Iloilo City Local Government
9:30 am – 10:15 am	Plenary Session 1: Working Together in Building Adaptive Libraries and Communities Speaker:
10:15 am – 11:00 am	Plenary Session 2: Working Together in Embracing New Roles of Libraries Speaker:
11:00 am – 12:00 nn	Parallel Session 1 Moderator:  1A: Challenges, Opportunities, and Practices among Members of the Network of Academic Law Librarians, Inc. (NALL) amidst the Pandemic  1B: Sustaining Online Training Development: Implications for a Capacity Building

	<p>for Center for Learning Resources (CLR-RSU) Librarians</p> <p>1C: Skills and a Whole Lot More: Reframing Media and Information Literacy Education</p>
11:00 am – 12:00 nn	<p>Parallel Session 2 Moderator:</p> <p>2A: Are We Prepared: Gauging the Academic Law Libraries' Readiness for the New Normal Setting for the Philippine Legal Education System</p> <p>2B: Work from Home Arrangements in the Academic Library</p> <p>2C: Planning Matters: A Quantitative Study on KM Applications and Benefits for Library Strategic Planning</p>
12:00 nn – 1:00 pm	Wellness Break
1:00 pm – 1:45 pm	<p>Plenary Session 3: Working Together in Reshaping the Future of Libraries Speaker:</p>
1:45 pm – 2:30 pm	<p>Plenary Session 4: Working Together in Redesigning New Programs and Services Speaker:</p>
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	<p>Parallel Session 3 Moderator:</p> <p>3A: A Phenomenological Study of the Lived Experiences of Selected Academic Librarians during the Pandemic: Basis for a Redesigned Library Operations and Services for the New Normal</p> <p>3B: The Lived Experiences of Heads of Libraries Transitioning to Full Virtual Library Services during the Covid-19 Pandemic</p> <p>3C: A Journey to the ABCs of the National Library of the Philippines</p>
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	<p>Parallel Session 4 Moderator:</p> <p>4A: Online: Panibagong Anyo ng mga Batis para sa Kasaysayang Lokal</p> <p>4B: Library Services of Top Asian Universities in Times of Recovery: A Website Content Analysis</p> <p>4C: Research Data Services in Selected Academic Libraries in the Philippines: Current Status, Challenges, and Opportunities</p>
	Facilitator

Date/Time	Activities
November 23 – Day 2	Librarians' Fellowship Attire: Mesozoic Era
6:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Opening Ceremonies  Opening Prayer (AVP) Philippine National Anthem (AVP)
6:30 pm – 6:45 pm	Message HON. ARTHUR DEFENSOR, JR. Governor Provincial Government of Iloilo
6:45 pm – 7:00 pm	Games and Raffle
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner Intermission

Date/Time	Activities
November 24 – Day 3	
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Recap
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Message HON. SARA Z. DUTERTE Vice President and Secretary, Department of Education Republic of the Philippines
9:00 am – 9:45 am	Plenary Session 5: Working Together in Ensuring Sustainable Development Speaker:
9:45 am – 10:30 am	Plenary Session 6: Working Together in Exploring Opportunities and Possibilities Speaker: Dr. Jelina Haines, University of South Australia
10:30 am – 10:15 am	Product Presentation: Platinum 1
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Product Presentation: Platinum 2
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Parallel Session 5 Moderator:  5A: What's On? Workshops (WOW): A Sustainable Library Program in a Local University at Valenzuela City  5B: Everything Changed when the Fire Nation Attacked: Analogy of Wan Shi Tong's Library and Philippine Libraries on Concepts of Tyranny, Wisdom, and Hope  5C: SDG Things: Mapping Out SDG-Related Initiatives of Academic Libraries in the Philippines
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Parallel Session 6 Moderator:

	<p>6A: Ikaw, Sila at Ako sa Isang Proyekto: Searching for Models of Collaboration for LIS Professionals</p> <p>6B: Information Literacy Sessions as Opportunities for Reducing Biases</p> <p>6C: Taking Charge: A Library Leader's Game-Changing Experience towards Becoming a Top-Performing Library in the New Normal</p>
11:30 am – 11:45 am	Product Presentation: Platinum 3
11:45 am – 12:00 nn	Product Presentation: Platinum 4
12:00 nn – 1:00 pm	Wellness Break
1:00 pm – 1:45 pm	Plenary Session 7: Working Together in Promoting Resiliency and Positivity Speaker:
1:45 pm – 2:00 pm	Product Presentation: Platinum 5
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm	Plenary Session 8: Working Together in Advancing Communities through Literature and Readership Speaker:
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Product Presentation: Platinum 6
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<p>Parallel Session 7 Moderator:</p> <p>7A: Building a Resilient UE Library through Technology-Driven Library Operation 7B: Work Context and Social Support Climate as Determinants of Organizational Resilience among Libraries</p>
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<p>Parallel Session 8 Moderator:</p> <p>8A: The Peter Solis Nery Foundation for Hiligaynon Literature and the Arts: promoting, preserving, and propagating Hiligaynon literature, and Filipino art and culture, through research, publications, productions, education, and cultural dissemination</p> <p>8B: PANIGA-OT: Experience of the Iloilo Mega Book Fair in Persisting to Provide a Space for West Visayan Literature during the Pandemic</p> <p>8C: Bata Ako PH: Protecting and Building a Better Future for Children through Books and Literacy</p>
	Facilitator

Date/Time	Activities
November 25 – Day 4	
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Recap
8:30 am – 9:00 am	<p>Continuing Professional Development: Updates Hon. Lourdes T. David Chair, CPD Council for Librarians Member, Professional Regulatory Board for Librarians</p>



9:00 am – 11:00 am	A Session with Partners and Sponsors: Lecture-Discussion and Raffle
11:00 am – 12:00 nn	Launching of the PLAI 100th Year Anniversary Calendar of Activities
12:00 nn – 1:00 pm	Wellness Break
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	2022 PLAI General Assembly

Note: Please keep in mind that this program is only preliminary and is subject to change based on logistics and other related concerns such as confirmation of invited guests, speakers, and moderators, among others.