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**Attn: Librarians /Library Staff /Clerks /I.T. Staff/ Archivists /Curators /Records Officers/
Information Professionals**

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI), in partnership with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) through the National Committee on Libraries and Information Services (NCLIS) and the National Library of the Philippines (NLP), will be conducting its Annual National Congress on **21-24 November 2017** at the SMX Convention Center Bacolod, Bacolod City, Negros Occidental.

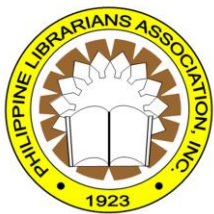
With the theme **“Libraries Take Action: Providing Access and Opportunity for All”**, this year’s Congress aims to:

- Understand the UN 2030 Agenda and the role of libraries in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- Recognize the role of libraries as agents of knowledge development through the implementation of various information literacy programs and providing open access to information and communication technologies (ICTs);
- Identify strategies on how libraries can be venues of community development through partnership and collaboration with the different stakeholders of society;
- Engage libraries, archives, and other heritage institutions in safeguarding cultural heritage in all its diverse forms;
- Advocate the roles of librarians and library associations as key players for social change through capacity building and professional agenda.

In line with this, we are inviting you to attend this year’s National Congress. There will be 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.

The Congress registration fees are as follows (**accommodation NOT included in any of these rates**):

Participant	Early-bird Rate <i>(Payment must be deposited on or before 30 September 2017)</i>	Standard Rate <i>(Payment must be deposited from 01 October to 15 November 2017)</i>	Regular Rate <i>(after 16 November 2017)</i>
PLAI Member	P5,000	P5,500	P6,000
Non-PLAI Member	P6,000	P6,500	P7,000
<i>Inclusive of meals (3 lunches, 6 snacks, 1 fellowship dinner), Congress kit, and certificate</i>			
Undergraduate Student	P2,000	P2,500	P3,000
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Due to limited seats, online registration is required at <http://registration.plai.org.ph/>. **This year, only paid participants can register online and avail the discounted rates.**

Payment must be deposited to:

Bank Name: **BDO**
Account No.: **451 000 1102**
Account name: **Philippine Librarians Association, Inc.**

Deposit slip should be scanned and uploaded upon registering online. For PLAI Members, Official Receipt of their 2017 Membership Annual Dues should also be scanned and uploaded. The Official Receipt for the registration fee shall be issued onsite during the registration which will start at **1:00 PM** on **21 November 2017**.

Participants shall be responsible for booking their own accommodations. The local organizers may arrange for optional tours to local heritage sites, libraries, museums, and other places of interest in Bacolod City for a fee after the Congress.

Interested attendees may inquire with the following PLAI Officers:

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Requests for DepEd Advisory, CSC Announcement, and CHED Memo are being processed. PLAI Congress 2017 is also being applied for as a CPD Program.

Information to the participants, list of hotels, and other information/updates may be found at the PLAI Congress website: www.plai.org.ph/plaicongress2017.

Yours truly,

Rhea Rowena U. Apolinario
Conference Chair and PLAI Executive Vice President

Noted:

Michael A. Pinto
PLAI President