

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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Greetings to all 41st APAMS Speakers, Special Guests, Benefactors, Organizers, Participants, Fellows, and PAASE Officers, Members and Partners,

At 40 years old, life begins again for PAASE, and flourishes! We are experiencing a "rebirth" - re-energized with meaningful S&T conversations in our PAASE google group and stimulating weekly Fireside Chats and Webinars.


We are re-invigorated by the viewpoints of many more PAASE members joining our ranks, coming from all age groups and from different parts of the Philippines and the world, with a broad range of expertise spanning the sciences and engineering.

Most of all, we are excited about the unprecedented number of strategic linkages and engagements PAASE has forged with government, academe and the private sector. We are taking a "Whole of Interdisciplinary S&T Community" approach, and an "All Stakeholders" approach, as a more effective and sustainable way to address pressing problems in various regions of the country. Our projects range from education to poverty and hunger alleviation, to agriculture, new materials engineering and manufacturing, and environmental sustainability. Currently, several dedicated, innovative PAASE members lead our efforts in the provinces of Leyte, Rizal, Bataan and soon, in Pangasinan. Indeed, PAASE's treasures are our "prime mover" volunteers who are convincing many more of us to join their noble S&T-driven endeavors.

The celebration of PAASE's 40th year culminates in 41st APAMS. It is indeed timely and fitting to feature the work of outstanding Filipino scientists and recognize PAASE's S&T contributions through four decades. We are honoring "The Filipino Scientist". I am deeply grateful to the co-hosts of 41st APAMS, former PAASE Board Chair Dr. Leah Tolosa-Croucher and Vice-President/President-elect Dr. Mariano Santo Domingo, and all those who have worked selflessly, for the excellent program and arrangements of 41st APAMS. I would like to acknowledge our donors and benefactors, and thank our distinguished speakers who graciously agreed to give keynote and plenary talks at this meeting.

I wish all of us who are attending 41st APAMS LIVE or online, a scientifically enriching and engaging experience. And one that is very pleasant and memorable. Let us make many more scientific, professional and personal friends at 41st APAMS!

Cheers,


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PAASE President, 2020-2021