



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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Dear PAASE Colleagues,

I am honored to greet you all as we welcome 2023 with open arms and high hopes for a prosperous year ahead. As we begin this new chapter, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the vital role that the academy plays in advancing the fields of science and engineering, not just in the Philippines, but around the world, being a recognized global organization.

The academy's thrusts of Philippine S&T human capital development, international network development for R&D and improvement of the Philippine regional Science & Technology Innovation (STI) ecosystem are paramount to our continued success. By investing in the development of our human capital, we are fostering a new generation of scientists and engineers who will drive innovation and shape the future. Our international network allows us to collaborate with like-minded individuals and organizations, giving us the resources and support we need to tackle the biggest challenges facing our world today. And by working to improve the Philippine regional S&T ecosystem, we are creating a fertile ground for scientific advancement and ensuring that the benefits of science and engineering are shared by all.

We have had a tremendous run last year. The 10-point agenda that was crafted after the Roundtable Discussions during the Week of Pro-Science Activism guided us through the year and will continue to push us to directions that aim to accelerate Philippine science, technological and economic development. These agenda were featured in a column by PAASE colleague and former NEDA Director General in his Philippine Daily Inquirer column:

<https://opinion.inquirer.net/158165/paase-keen-to-accelerate-philippine-devt>

We would like to congratulate and welcome our new Board Members Dr Gonzalo 'Al' Serafica and Dr. Maria Marjorette Pena, and the newly reelected BOD member Dr. Gobet Advincula. Likewise, I would like to welcome and congratulate the new Membership Committee Chair Dr Elmer-Rico Mojica and Vice-Chair Dr. Rodell Barrientos.

I would like to encourage each and every one to take an active role in the academy's activities this year, including our webinars, fireside chats, and the planned Annual PAASE Meeting and Symposium (APAMS) to be held in Orlando, Florida in June. Whether you are a seasoned scientist or an early career professional, your unique skills and perspectives are valuable and will help to make a positive impact. From attending our conferences and workshops, to participating in our outreach programs, there are countless ways to get involved and make a difference.

With all your help, I am confident that 2023 will be a year of great progress and success. Let us continue to push the boundaries of what is possible, and work together to make the world a better place through science and engineering.

Best regards,
Mariano Sto. Domingo, PhD
President, 2022-23