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22 May 2025

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ATTENTION: LIBRARIANS/ INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS/ ARCHIVISTS/ RECORDS OFFICERS/ CURATORS/ LIBRARY AND IT STAFF

Warmest greetings from PLAI!

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), the National Library of the Philippines (NLP), and the Medical and Health Association of the Philippines (MAHLAP), will hold its **Annual National Congress and General Assembly from November 23 to 26, 2025, at the SMX Convention Center in Bacolod City.**

With the theme, **"PLAI BRIDGES: Borderless. Research-based. Innovative. Developmental. Global. Equitable. Sustainable".** This year's PLAI National Congress objectives are the following:

1. **Borderless**: Strengthen the network of librarians from diverse backgrounds and locations, fostering the exchange of experiences, challenges, and best practices beyond borders;
2. **Research-based**: Share library practices rooted in organizing, acquiring, disseminating, and providing access to evidence-based resources;
3. **Innovative**: Present the latest technologies, methods, and innovations that enhance the quality and value of library and information services;
4. **Developmental**: Promote a growth mindset and professional advancement through active participation in learning sessions and research opportunities;
5. **Global**: Encourage international and cross-sectoral exchange among librarians at various career stages and from diverse settings;
6. **Equitable**: Champion inclusive and equitable library services, especially for underserved communities; and
7. **Sustainable**: Share practices that align with and support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In line with this, we are inviting you to attend this year's Congress. There will be plenary and parallel sessions sponsored by sectoral library associations to discuss topics relevant to the different types 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 the profession in general.

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

Participant	Early-bird Rate (Payment must be deposited on or before 31 July 2025)	Regular Rate (Payment must be deposited from 1 August to 22 Nov 2025)	Onsite Registration Rate (November 23, 2025)
PLAI Member	P6,500.00	P7,000.00	P7,500.00
Non-PLAI Member	P7,000.00	P7,500.00	P8,000.00

****Inclusions: 3 Lunch, AM and PM Snacks, and Fellowship Dinner, conference kit, ID, and certificates*

Due to limited seats, online registration is required at: https://tinyurl.com/PLAINATCON25 Please take note that only paid participants can register online and avail the discounted rates.

Payment must be deposited to:

Bank : BDO
Account Name : PHILIPPINE LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION (PLAI) INC
Account No. : 0045 1000 1102

The deposit/transaction slip should be scanned and uploaded upon registering online. The official receipt for the registration fee shall be issued onsite during the registration, which will start at 11:30 AM on the 23rd of November 2025.

We have invited the Bacolod Tourism Office to showcase the city's rich cultural heritage and must-visit tourist destinations for the duration of the congress. You may schedule your tour after the PLAI Congress and General Assembly . For inquiries or coordination, please visit their booth.

For further information, please visit the PLAI Congress official FB page https://tinyurl.com/PLAINatCon or email us at plaicongressofficial@gmail.com .

Thank you and warm regards.

Sincerely yours,

DR. ELISA V. GARCIA
PLAI President

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