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## MESSAGE

I extend the greetings of the UP Manila community to the University of the Philippines International Nursing and Healthcare Forum's (UPINHF) 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Convention in New Jersey, USA.

Our faculty, staff, and students congratulate the UP Manila nursing alumnimembers, advisors, and officers of the UPINHF for continuing this forum that serves as a good platform for the discussion of pressing and significant issues affecting health and the nursing profession. We also commend the jubilarians being recognized this year.

The forum's theme, "Collaboration: Key to Advancing Health Care" mirrors the significance of collaborative leadership and good collaborative practices among nurses in different settings and endeavors.

Gathering together nursing practitioners, educators, and researchers to engage in the activities organized for the forum emphasizes the role of and opportunities for collaboration. Through exchange of experiences and best practices in different areas, new collaborative projects may be hatched or existing ones strengthened.

The possibilities are enormous for nurses to make a difference in advancing health. We, at UP Manila, look forward to working with you towards our shared goal of helping improve health worldwide.

I wish you a fruitful and vibrant forum.

*Mabuhay ang* University of the Philippines International Nursing and Healthcare Forum!

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