



UNIVERSITY of the PHILIPPINES

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MESSAGE

On behalf of the University of the Philippines System, I congratulate the University of the Philippines International Nursing and Healthcare Forum (UPINHF) Inc. for organizing its 2nd Annual International Convention in New Jersey, USA.

I thank the UPINHF Board of Directors, Advisors, and members; the alumni and faculty of UP Manila and UP College of Nursing; the Jubilarians; and the guests and staff for making this event a success and for upholding the cherished ideals of UP—honor, excellence, and service—in their endeavors. I also thank the BSN Class of 1968 for their commitment and generosity in making an Endowment Fund donation.

This year's International Convention provides our community of experts, leaders and practitioners a notable venue for collaboration in advancing healthcare professional services, education, and research. The UPINHF, an accredited provider of Continuing Education by the California State Board of Registered Nursing, enhances the knowledge and capabilities of participants in addressing the health needs of population groups through its Educational Program. It complements our vision of making UP a leading regional and global university in an environment that sustains 21st century learning, knowledge creation and public service for society and humanity.

UP continues to offer the best that an academic community can give Filipinos: excellent teachers and personnel, cutting-edge education, modern equipment and facilities, and an enabling environment. However, to be at par with the world's best universities, we still need to do so much more to keep on increasing the incentives for our faculty and staff, to upgrade our equipment and facilities, and to multiply opportunities for the development and wellbeing of the *Iskolar ng Bayan*. The UP alumni can continue supporting the University through partnerships, grants, donations, and many other initiatives, such as UPINHF's activities. Collaboration is also our key.

Congratulations to Dr. Marlon Garzo Saria for being unanimously chosen as the recipient of the UPINHF 2018 International Nurse Award. This distinction is a testament to Dr. Saria's many achievements in the nursing profession and his meaningful contributions to healthcare research, education, and services.

May the UPINHF and the participants of this convention continue to live exemplary lives. May you continue to inspire fellow UP alumni and younger generations of healthcare professionals to live a life of service.

Mabuhay tayong lahat!


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President