



THE PHILIPPINE PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Pharmacists for Better Health Outcomes

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CONVENTION INVITATION

24 October 2016

Dear Colleagues,

Warm greetings from the Philippine Pharmacists Association, Inc.!

It is our pleasure to invite you to our **2017 National Convention** to be held on **24-27 May 2017** at the **City Coliseum, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan** with the theme, *“Filipino Pharmacists Embracing the Challenge of Change”*.

For the last three years, our convention gathers together **more than 3,000 pharmacists** from all over the country from various areas of practice: community, hospital, industry, academe, veterinary medicine, cosmetics and wellness, among others. This year’s theme is anchored on the new Philippine Pharmacy Act, Republic Act (RA) 10918. We have invited speakers here and abroad to share their expertise, from whom we expect to gain new insights to further enhance our knowledge, skills and practice. Below are the details of the tentative Convention Program and the Registration Fees, for your reference.

	24 May (Wed)		25 May (Thurs)	26 May (Fri)	27 May (Sat)				
8:00-9:00	Registration* and Trade Exhibition (Asturias Hotel)	Affiliate Organizations' Pre-conference Events (Venue TBA)	Chapter and Affiliate Presidents' Forum (Centro Hotel)	Registration* and Trade Exhibition (Asturias Hotel)	Plenary Session 1	Plenary Session 3			
9:00-10:00									
10:00-11:00									
11:00-12:00									
12:00-13:00							Lunch	Lunch	
13:00-14:00							Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service	Plenary Session 2	Business Meeting and General Assembly
14:00-14:30							Opening Ceremonies and Keynote Speech	Snacks	Plenary Session 4
14:30-15:00							Break	Oral Presentations	Snacks
15:00-15:30							Awarding Ceremonies		Closing Ceremonies and Distribution of Certificates
15:30-16:00							Break		
16:00-16:30	Chapter and Affiliate Presidents' Dinner (Centro Hotel)	Welcome Reception and Fellowship Night	Pocket Lectures (Organized by companies)						
16:30-17:00									
17:00-18:00									
18:00-19:00									
19:00-20:00									
20:00-21:00									

*Actual convention registration will be accomplished **ONLINE from 24 October 2016 to 31 March 2017** using the link: <https://form.jotform.me/62897731325464>. The Registration Booths at Asturias Hotel will only be for the distribution of Convention IDs, Convention Kits, etc.



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Registration Fees are as follows:

Type of Registrant	Registration Fee	2017 PPhA Membership Fee ^a	TOTAL
Regular Registrant	Php 5,000.00	Php 500	Php 5,500.00
Senior Citizens	Php 4,500.00	Php 500	Php 5,000.00
Pharmacy Students ^b	Php 4,000.00	N/A	Php 4,000.00
Non-Pharmacists	Php 6,000.00	N/A	Php 6,000.00

^a waived for (1) Lifetime Members - aged 60 y/o and above and have paid the corresponding lifetime membership fee of Php 1,000; (2) Membership Fee for 2017 was paid separately.

^b currently enrolled in an undergraduate pharmacy program

Registration includes Convention ID, Convention Kit, Snacks and Lunch, Fellowship Dinner, Entrance to Company Exhibit Area, and a Certificate of Completion with CPE units. **Registration fee is non-refundable.**

Registration Process and Mode of Payment of Fees

1. Convention Payment

a. Option 1: through bank deposit/ bank transfer

Deposit payment to the following accounts of the **Philippine Pharmacists Association, Inc.:**

- **Security Bank, Inc. (Mendiola Branch)** - Account No: **0341-020561-002**
- **BDO (Recto Branch)** - Account No: **0020351380**

Official receipts will be issued during the Convention as scheduled

b. Option 2: through PPhA Office Secretariat

All cash and check payments may be made to the **Philippine Pharmacists Association, Inc.** located at 815 R. Papa St., Sampaloc, Manila thru **Ms. Dianne Mariz R. Sosa**, PPhA Secretariat. Official receipts will be issued upon payment.

2. Convention Registration

a. Option 1: On-line registration **if payment was done through bank deposit/ bank transfer**

i. Write your name and date of deposit on the deposit slip. Scan the deposit slip and other pertinent documents:

- Previously paid 2017 PPhA membership: 2017 Official Receipt (OR)
- Lifetime member: Lifetime member ID or Lifetime membership fee OR



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- Senior citizen: Senior citizen card
 - Undergraduate pharmacy student: proof of current enrollment
- ii. Go to the link: <https://form.jotform.me/62897731325464> for online registration
 - iii. Confirmation of the deposit and convention registration (bearing your Registration Number) will be sent through email by the PPhA Secretariat. Kindly print this confirmation letter since this will be the basis in claiming your Conventions IDs, Convention Kits and Souvenir Program at the registration area.
 - iv. Official receipts will be issued in the registration area during the convention.
 - v. Proofs of payment of PPhA Membership Fees and confirmation of deposits must be kept and properly presented to claim official receipts of convention registration.
- b. **Option 2: On-line registration through PPhA Secretariat for those who paid at the PPhA Office in cash/check**
- i. Fill-out the Registration Form and endorse to **Ms. Dianne Mariz R. Sosa**, PPhA Secretariat.
 - ii. Confirmation of the payment and convention registration (bearing your Registration Number) will be sent through email by the PPhA Secretariat. Kindly print this confirmation letter since this will be the basis in claiming your Conventions IDs, Convention Kits and Souvenir Program at the registration area.

The 2017 PPhA membership fee entitles one to receive PPhA ID, attend CPE/CPD trainings and other activities of PPhA. **For issuance of PPhA ID, kindly coordinate with PPhA Secretariat for complete instructions.**

Please be guided with the following:

- Certificate of Completion with CPE units will be given only to those who will complete the convention until the last day. We will utilize the barcoding process to monitor daily attendance.
- Distribution of Certificate of Completion is on the last day after the convention proper.
- Certificate of Appearance is included in the Souvenir Program.
- Do not schedule return flight/trip earlier than the end of the convention.
- We discourage lunch out invitations provided by companies.
- Delegates may view the exhibit booths only during May 24 (8am to 5pm) and May 25 (8am to 11am).
- The list of available hotels in Puerto Princesa City will be posted on the PPhA Website (www.philpharmacists.org). We recommend that you reserve and book early since May is a peak season in Palawan.
- Please note that PPhA is NOT responsible for doing reservations and hotel bookings.
- All Chapter and Affiliate Presidents are required to attend the Presidents' Forum and Dinner on 24 May 2017. Tentative theme: wear something pink or violet.

We have also prepared a Welcome Reception & Fellowship Night on 25 May 2017 which will allow us to unwind and recharge as we enjoy the company of each other. We have prepared a special program that is fun, exciting and memorable. Kindly wear something floral as we will also launch the PPhA support for environmental conservation by adopting a Balayong Tree in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan.

It will be our first time to implement the **"On-line Registration, No On-site"** process with **registration cut-off of 4,500 paid registrants** on a first come, first served basis. This was initiated for the following reasons:



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- To have enough time to prepare and anticipate logistic needs such as convention kits, souvenir programs, giveaways and food reservations.
- To prepare in advance the Convention IDs and personalized Convention Certificates of Completion with CPE units.
- To facilitate monitoring of payments and prepare Official Receipts in advanced in time for the Convention.
- To improve the orderliness and efficiency of the registration as well as the overall convention proper.
- To help address the challenges that we have with regards to the venue and space considering that we are anticipating quite a number of delegates.

Given the reasons stated, we humbly seek for your kind understanding and cooperation as we all together make this activity another success. Thank you very much for your continued support and we are looking forward to your participation in our National Convention!

Sincerely yours,

HAZEL FAYE R. DOCUYANAN, RPh, MS

Over-All Chair, 2017 PPhA National Convention

Noted By:

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APPENDIX 1

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL NOTES /REMINDERS / WHAT TO EXPECT/ RECOMMENDATIONS:

Photos of the Convention Site: City Coliseum, Puerto Princesa, Palawan



The convention venue can accommodate up to 5,000 delegates.

Challenges and limitations of the convention site:

1. Limited space and no provision for registration area – and so we will require online registration only. Distribution of convention IDs, convention kits and souvenir programs will be at Asturias Hotel.
2. We encourage all delegates to please wear something comfortable but still professional looking.
3. Limited space and no provision for booth exhibit area – and so we will schedule the visits to the exhibits on May 24 (8-5) and May 25 (8-11) in a separate location – Asturias Hotel (where distribution of convention IDs, convention kits and souvenir programs is located)
4. Different set up from the usual formal convention, please manage your expectations.

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL NOTES/REMINDERS/WHAT TO EXPECT/RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Registration:
 - a. Names on the Registration Form submitted on-line will be used to print the Convention ID and Convention Completion Certificates (with CPE Units) in advanced/prior to the convention dates.
 - b. Distribution of Convention IDs and Convention Kits will be on 24 May 2017 at 8am to 5pm and on 25 May 2017 at 8am to 11am ONLY. Venue is at the Virginia Hall of the Asturias Hotel.
 - c. After claiming the Convention ID and Convention Kit, everyone is encouraged to visit the Exhibit Booth Area in the Ambassador Hall of the Asturias Hotel.
 - d. Senior citizen delegates will have a separate area for the distribution of Convention IDs and Kits in Asturias Hotel (directional signage will be provided)
2. Exhibit Booth:
 - a. Venue for the exhibit booth is in Ambassador Hall, Asturias Hotel
 - b. Time of exhibit viewing: 24 May 2017, 8am to 5pm and 25 May 2017, 8am to 11am.
 - c. In order to fully utilize the time, we recommend delegates to visit exhibit booth after claiming convention ID and convention kit



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3. Convention Proper:
 - a. Manage expectations with venue, sounds and lights. Please focus on the speakers and topics to make more relevant to your practice.
 - b. Wear something comfortable but still professional looking and appropriate for attending a convention
4. Food distribution:
 - a. AM snacks will be distributed upon entry.
 - b. Lunch will be packed and distributed inside the Coliseum. Extra buffet table will be available per floor for extra serving and food, while supply lasts.
 - c. Water and Coffee will be available unlimited.
 - d. PM snacks will be distributed
5. Fellowship and Welcome Night:
 - a. Venue: City Coliseum
 - b. Date/Time: 25 May 2017, 6pm to 10pm
 - c. Theme: Wear something floral
 - d. During the Fellowship Night, we will be launching the PPhA adopting a Baluyong Tree in Puerto Princesa to show our support to the advocacy on environmental preservation
 - e. Baluyong Tree or the "Palawan Cherry" is one of the most popular flowering trees in Palawan, a beautiful tree that when is in full bloom resembles the cherry blossom of Japan.



6. Distribution of Certificates:
 - a. Certificate of Appearance will already be included in the Souvenir Program
 - b. Certificate of Completion (with CPE units) will be distributed on 27 May 2017 after the convention proper
 - c. Barcoding of convention ID upon entry and exit will be utilized to monitor attendance of delegates
 - d. Certificate of Completion will be given only to delegates who will complete attendance to the 3-day convention and in exchange of the Convention Evaluation Form; **Incomplete attendance, No Certificate of Completion.**
 - e. Please make sure to have your Convention IDs barcoded to signify attendance every day.

Thank you and see you all in Palawan!