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FOR: ALL UNDERSECRETARIES, ASSISTANT SECRETARIES; DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS, DOH-REGIONAL OFFICES, SERVICES AND SPECIALTY HOSPITALS; CHIEFS OF RETAINED HOSPITALS; AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT: National Convention of the Philippine Pharmacists Association, Inc. on May 24-27, 2017 at the City Coliseum, Puerto Prinsesa, Palawan.

The Philippine Pharmacists Association, Inc. will hold its National Convention on May 24-27, 2017 at the City Coliseum, Puerto Prinsesa, Palawan with the theme "Filipino Pharmacists Embracing the Challenge of Change"

Attendance of concerned DOH employees to the said activity shall be on **Official Time**, and at no expense to the government except salaries.

All other transactions shall be in accordance with Department Order No. 2007-0053 "Guidelines on the Attendance to Conventions/Seminars/Conference and Similar Human Resource Development Activities Outside of the Department of Health" and "DO No. 2014-0094 Guidelines on the Allowable Rates of Payment for Human Resource Development Activities".

Attached is the letter of invitation with and other details for your ready reference.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:

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ROGER P. TONG-AN, DMPA, MAN, RN
Undersecretary of Health
Office for Policy and Health Systems II



THE PHILIPPINE PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Pharmacists for Better Health Outcomes

Member: International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP)
Western Pacific Pharmaceutical Forum (WPPF)
Federation of Asian Pharmaceutical Associations (FAPA)

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Dear Sec. Garin,

Greetings from the PPhA!

Every year, our organization holds an annual convention to provide a venue for pharmacists to learn from global and national experts and to renew camaraderie among the members of our local chapters, affiliate organizations and the national officers and board of directors. For 2017, We are happy to announce that our **National Convention** is set at **City Coliseum, Puerto Prinsesa, Palawan** from **24-27 May 2017** with the theme, "*Filipino Pharmacists Embracing the Challenge of Change*".

This year's theme is aligned with that of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) and our invited local and international speakers will discuss current topics in pharmacy and the pharmaceutical sciences that would be very relevant not just in the Philippines but in regional and global settings as well.

In view of this important event, **we would like to request for a Department Circular from your good office to allow all government pharmacists to attend the said convention on official time.** Attendance to this event will also carry continuing professional development (CPD) units approved by Professional Regulation Commission (PRC).

We would be very much grateful for your kind consideration of this request.

Thank you very much and more power!

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Over-All Chair, 2017 PPhA National Convention

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