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2026 PLAI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Attached is a letter communication from Mr. Kevin Conrad T. Tansiongco, Executive Vice President and Conference Chair, Philippine Librarians Association Inc. (PLAI), inviting librarians to attend the "2026 PLAI International Conference and General Assembly", to be held on November 24-27, 2026, at Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati, O.P. Building, University of Santo Tomas, Manila, the contents of which are self-explanatory, for the information and guidance of all concerned.

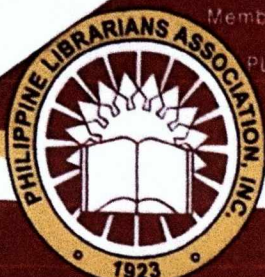
Participation of public and private schools shall be in accordance with the provisions of DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled "Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance."

Moreover, schools are reminded of the "No Collection and No Selling of Tickets Policy" stipulated in DepEd Order Nos. 19 and 40, s. 2008 and RA Nos. 4206 and 5546.

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September 17, 2026

ASEC. JOCELYN DR. ANDAYA

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Dear Asec. Andaya:

Warmest greetings from the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI)!

The Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI), in partnership with the Miguel de Benavides Library of the University of Santo Tomas, warmly invites you to participate in the 2026 PLAI International Conference and General Assembly, to be held on November 24-27, 2026, at the Frassati Auditorium, Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati, O.P. Building, University of Santo Tomas, City of Manila, with hybrid participation available for both local and international delegates.

With the theme "LIBRARIES NEXT (Navigating the Information Age. Empowering Communities. eXcellence in Library Practice. Transforming Society): Empowering People, Driving Innovation, Creating Impact"

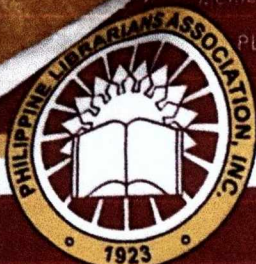
This year's international gathering aims to bring together librarians, information professionals, educators, researchers, library leaders, LIS students, and partners from across the Philippines and around the world to engage in meaningful dialogue, collaboration, and knowledge-sharing on the future of libraries and information services. The conference will be held in a hybrid format, allowing participants to choose whether to attend online or in person, thereby ensuring greater accessibility, inclusivity, and international participation.

The conference seeks to:

- Navigate the Information Age (N) by examining emerging trends, technologies, and challenges shaping libraries and information services, while equipping librarians with future-ready competencies in an increasingly digital and knowledge-driven society;
- Empower Communities (E) by highlighting inclusive, people-centered programs and services that strengthen access to information, promote lifelong learning, and respond to the diverse needs of communities;
- Promote eXcellence in Library Practice (X) through innovative models, best practices, leadership, research, and evidence-based approaches that enhance professional and ethical standards in librarianship;
- Transform Society (T) by reinforcing the role of libraries as catalysts of social transformation, sustainable development, cultural preservation, and nation-building aligned with the IFLA Strategy 2024-2029 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals;
- Strengthen the Professional Workforce through collaboration, mentorship, international exchange, and leadership development opportunities for library and information professionals; and
- Drive Innovation and Impact by encouraging scalable and transformative initiatives that demonstrate meaningful outcomes for education, governance, research, culture, and community resilience.

In line with these objectives, we sincerely invite you to join this year's international conference and become part of an inspiring and dynamic international gathering of professionals committed to advancing the library and information science profession. The conference will feature distinguished local and international plenary speakers, library organization/sectoral and parallel sessions for various library types, research paper presentations, networking and collaboration opportunities, and the PLAI General Assembly for professional updates and discussions on matters relevant to the association and the library profession.

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The International Conference Registration Fees are as follows (accommodation is NOT included in any of these rates):

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Participant	Early-bird Rate (Payment must be deposited on or before 31 August 2026)	Regular Rate (Payment must be deposited from 1 September to 23 Nov 2026)	Onsite Registration Rate (November 24, 2026)
**Onsite Attendee	PHP 6,000.00 98USD	PHP 6,500.00 106 USD	PHP 6,800.00 110 USD
Online Attendee	PHP 3,000.00 48USD	PHP 3,500.00 57USD	PHP 3,700.00 65 USD

FOR NON PLAI MEMBERS

Participant	Early-bird Rate (Payment must be deposited on or before 31 August 2026)	Regular Rate (Payment must be deposited from 1 September to 23 Nov 2026)	Onsite Registration Rate (November 24, 2026)
**Onsite Attendee	PHP 6,500.00 100 USD	PHP 6,800.00 110 USD	PHP 7,000.00 115 USD
**Onsite Attendee	PHP 3,500.00 50 USD	PHP 3,800.00 60 USD	PHP 4,000.00 70 USD

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

Due to limited seats, online registration is required at: <https://plai.ph/pages/Plai-congress>. Please take note that only paid participants can register online and avail the discounted rates.

Payment must be deposited to: BANK NAME: BDO UNIBANK, INC.
BANK ACCOUNT NAME: Philippine Librarians Association (PLAI) Inc
BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER: 004510001102
SWIFT CODE: BNORPHMMDOOK
BRANCH: TM Kalaw
BANK ADDRESS: T.M. Kalaw St., Ermita, Manila

The deposit/transaction slip should be scanned and uploaded upon registering online. The official sales invoice for the registration fee shall be issued onsite during the registration, which will commence at 11:30 AM on November 24, 2026. For participants attending online, a scanned copy of the official sales invoice/receipt shall be sent through their registered email address, while the original hard copy may be claimed through their respective Regional Council President.

In line with this, we would like to humbly request your good office's issuance of an endorsement for the 2026 PLAI International Conference and General Assembly, which will be held 24-27 December 2026 at the Frassati Auditorium, Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati, O.P. Building, University of Santo Tomas, City of Manila. Your endorsement will help state university and colleges academic librarians obtain permission from their respective supervisors to attend the said conference.

For more information, you may email us at plainbot.official@gmail.com or contact the undersigned.

Your positive response on these humble intents is highly anticipated with much hope and respect.

Thank you very much and warm regards.

Respectfully yours,

MR. KEVIN CONRAD T. TANSIONGCO, RL
Executive Vice President and Conference Chair

Noted by

DR. MARIA PRETTY LAY T. ABDALA
PLAI President