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**ATTN:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Librarians**

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI) will be conducting its annual National Congress with the theme **Libraries: Preservers and Promoters of Culture and Arts** to be held at Punta Villa Resort, Arevalo, Iloilo City on November 20-22, 2013. This Congress is co-sponsored by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) through the National Committee on Libraries and Information Services (NCLIS) and the National Library of the Philippines.

The objectives of this activity are the following: 1) to hasten the development, maintenance and sharing of local materials through a stronger library and cultural coordination and cooperation; 2) to enhance the librarians' capability in formulating and carrying out cultural programs and activities; 3) to boost the valuing of local cultural thesaurus by the librarians.

In line with this, we are inviting you to update yourselves with the latest developments in our field and to build more linkages with our colleagues in the profession. There will be parallel sessions on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day to discuss topics related to archives and the different types of libraries (i.e. academic, public, school, and special). Moreover, the library associations will be discussing concerns affecting their membership in particular and the profession in general which they can present to the mother organization for appropriate action.

The Congress registration fees are as follows:

Live in participants	Non-PLAI Member	<b>P5,500</b>
	PLAI Member	<b>P5,000</b>
	Undergraduate Student	<b>P4,500</b>

*Inclusive of 3-nights accommodation, meals (3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners[1 fellowship], 6 snacks) congress kit, certificate and use of hotel amenities (Extra night costs P500)*

Live out participants	Non-PLAI Member	<b>P4,000</b>
	PLAI Member	<b>P3,500</b>
	Undergraduate Student	<b>P3,000</b>

*Inclusive of meals (3 lunches, 6 snacks, 1 fellowship dinner), congress kit, certificate*


Interested attendees may inquire with the following PLAI Officers:


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Complimentary airport-hotel-airport transfers will be provided on selected dates and flight schedules. There will be an optional tour to local cultural sites in Iloilo on November 23, 2013 (*P250 half day or P500 whole day tour*). Please visit our website, [www.plai.org.ph](http://www.plai.org.ph) for additional information.

Thank you for your prompt response to this invitation and for your continued support to our Association. We hope to see you all in November for our National Congress!

Yours truly,

  
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Conference Chair  
PLAI Executive Vice President

Noted by:  
  
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