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MESSAGE

Lisa Grace S. Bersales, PhD
President
Philippine Statistical Association, inc.

Warm greetings and a heartfelt welcome to everyone attending the 2026 Annual Conference of the Philippine Statistical Association, Inc. (PSAI)!

It is our great pleasure to welcome our distinguished guests, speakers, presenters, panelists, members, partners, colleagues from government and the private sector, academe, and our students and young statisticians to this year's conference.

With the theme, "Breaking the Mold: Beyond the Current Growth Paradigm through Innovation, Institutional Reform and Economic Transformation," this year's conference provides an important platform for us to reflect on the evolving role of statistics in addressing the challenges and opportunities facing our country.

As we navigate a rapidly changing world, statistics and data continue to play a vital role in understanding complex issues, informing evidence-based policies, strengthening institutions, and supporting meaningful economic and social transformation. Beyond producing numbers, our work as statisticians is about generating insights that can contribute to better decisions and, ultimately, better outcomes for our communities.



This conference brings together experts, practitioners, researchers, educators, and students who share a common commitment to advancing the statistical profession. We hope that the discussions, presentations, and exchange of ideas throughout these two days will inspire new perspectives, encourage collaboration, and open opportunities for innovation.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to our speakers, presenters, partners, sponsors, organizing committees, and the PSAI Secretariat for their invaluable contributions to this conference. Your support and dedication have made this gathering possible.

To all our participants, we encourage you to actively engage in the sessions, share your insights, ask questions, and build connections. May this conference be not only a venue for learning but also an opportunity to strengthen our collective commitment to using statistics and data for a more resilient, inclusive, and transformative Philippines.

Once again, welcome to the PSAI 2026 Annual Conference! We hope you have a meaningful, productive, and inspiring conference.

Thank you, and we look forward to a fruitful exchange of ideas with all of you.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Philippine Statistical Association, Inc. (PSAI) extends its sincerest appreciation to all individuals, institutions, organizations, partners, sponsors, donors, and friends whose unwavering commitment, generous support, and invaluable contributions have made the 2026 PSAI Annual Conference possible.

The theme of this year's Annual Conference, “Breaking the Mold: Beyond the Current Growth Paradigm through Innovation, Institutional Reform and Economic Transformation,” reflects the need to look beyond established approaches and explore new directions in addressing the challenges confronting our society and economy.

As a professional association, PSAI recognizes its responsibility to contribute to this endeavor by strengthening the capacity of statisticians and data practitioners, promoting innovation in the production and use of data, encouraging institutional reform, and advancing the role of statistics and evidence in economic and social transformation.

Through this Annual Conference, PSAI brings together members, researchers, statisticians, data practitioners, academicians, policymakers, government officials, students, development partners, and other stakeholders to share knowledge, experiences, and perspectives. We believe that meaningful exchange and collaboration among different generations, institutions, and sectors can help us challenge conventional thinking, discover innovative solutions, and contribute to a more responsive and inclusive development process.

These undertakings would not have been possible without the untiring and consistent support of our co-organizers, sponsors, donors, partners, members, and friends of PSAI, whose continued trust and confidence in the Association have enabled us to pursue our programs and activities.

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We also extend our sincere appreciation to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), particularly the Office of Deputy Governor Zeno Abenoja, and the Department of Economic Statistics (DES) for their generous support and contributions toward the successful conduct of the 2026 PSAI Annual Conference. Their valued assistance is gratefully acknowledged and has contributed to the successful implementation of this year's conference.

We commend our plenary speakers, resource persons, session chairs, panelists, discussants, and paper presenters for accepting our invitations and for generously sharing their knowledge, experiences, and expertise. Their insights enable our participants to better appreciate the need to break away from conventional approaches and to explore innovation, institutional reform, and economic transformation as pathways toward sustainable development.

We likewise commend our members and guests for their active participation in the Annual Conference and for their willingness to engage in discussions that challenge prevailing assumptions, encourage new perspectives, and help us better understand the opportunities and responsibilities of the statistical community in a rapidly changing world.

PROGRAM OF

ANNUAL CONFERENCE APPRECIATION COURSES

Day 1, October 19, 2026 - Monday

Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute

08:00 - 08:45	**Registration of Participants**
08:45 - 09:00	**Welcome Remarks** **DR. LISA GRACE S. BERSALES** *PSAI President and* *Chair of the 2026 Annual Conference*
09:00 - 12:00	**MEASURING WHAT MATTERS:** **IMPACT EVALUATION FOR BETTER BUSINESS DECISIONS** *Ms. Melba V. Tutor*
12:00 - 01:00	**Lunch Break**
01:00: - 04:00	**THE STORY: DATA VISUALIZATION IN THE AGE OF AI (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE)** *Mr. Jose Pedro E. Cuartero*

ANNUAL CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Day 2, October 20, 2026 - Tuesday

UP School of Statistics

07:30 – 09:00	**Registration of Participants**
09:00 – 09:15	**Opening Ceremony**
09:15 - 10:30	**Keynote Address**
10:30 - 11:00	**Coffee Break**
11:00 - 12:00	**Plenary Session**
12:00 – 01:30	**Lunch Break**
01:30 – 03:00	**Parallel Session 1A** ***Best Student Paper*** **Parallel Session 1B** ***Economics and Social Statistics*** **Parallel Session 1C** ***Data Science and AI***

ACTIVITIES

03:00 – 03:30	**Coffee Break**
03:30 – 05:00	**Parallel Session 2A** ***Innovation and Digital Transformation*** **Parallel Session 2B** ***Sustainable Development*** **Parallel Session 2C** ***Statistical Methodologies***

ANNUAL CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Day 3, October 21, 2026 - Wednesday

UP School of Statistics

08:00 - 08:30	**Registration of Participants**
08:30 - 10:00	**Parallel Session 3A** ***Evidence-based Policy Making Governance*** **Parallel Session 3B** ***Economics and Social Statistics*** **Parallel Session 3C** ***Official Statistics***
10:00 - 10:30	**Coffee Break**
10:30 - 12:00	**Plenary Session**
12:00 - 01:00	**Lunch Break**
01:00 – 02:00	**Closing Ceremony**

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

Day 1, October 19, 2026 - Monday
Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute

APPRECIATION COURSES

WELCOME MESSAGE	**DR. LISA GRACE S. BERSALES** *PSAI President and* *Chairperson of the 2026 Annual Conference*
INTRODUCTION OF THE RESOURCE SPEAKER *(Morning)*	**MS. JUNELLE B. BARCENA** *Information Officer III*
AM COURSE	**Plenary Session**
INTRODUCTION OF THE RESOURCE SPEAKER *(Afternoon)*	**MS. JUNELLE B. BARCENA** *Information Officer III*
PM COURSE	**Plenary Session**
CLOSING MESSAGE	**DR. LISA GRACE S. BERSALES** *PSAI President* *Chairperson of the 2026 Annual Conference*

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MS. JUNELLE B. BARCENA
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APPRECIATION COURSE

DAY 1

October 19, 2026

MEASURING WHAT MATTERS: IMPACT EVALUATION FOR BETTER BUSINESS DECISIONS

(9:00 AM - 12:00 NN)

RESOURCE PERSON: Ms. Melba V. Tutor

VENUE: Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute

This three-hour appreciation seminar introduces participants to the fundamental concepts, principles, and practical applications of Impact Evaluation (IE) in the private sector. It emphasizes how companies can determine whether programs, policies, projects, or business interventions actually produce their intended results. The seminar distinguishes impact evaluation from routine monitoring and performance assessment. It introduces the concepts of Theory of Change, outcomes and impacts, attribution, counterfactuals, comparison groups, and basic impact evaluation designs. Private-sector examples will be used throughout the seminar. The course is designed as an appreciation-level seminar; hence, emphasis is placed on conceptual understanding, practical application, and management use of evaluation results rather than on advanced statistical computation.

ABOUT THE RESOURCE PERSON



Melba V. Tutor is a monitoring and impact evaluation specialist who has worked on various evaluation projects with government and international organizations. She completed a Master in Development Economics at the University of the Philippines School of Economics and is currently taking her PhD in Development Studies at the University of the Philippines Los Banos. She is currently engaged as an M&E Specialist of the World Bank for the Support to Parcelization of Lands for Individual Titling (SPLIT), implemented by the Department of Agrarian Reform. Her research interests are poverty, agrarian reform, human capital development, social protection, and electrification.

THE STORY:
DATA VISUALIZATION IN THE AGE OF AI (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE)

(1:00 PM - 4:00 PM)

RESOURCE PERSON: Mr. Jose Pedro E. Cuartero

VENUE: Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute

From Data to Decisions: Smarter Data Visualization with AI is a three-hour seminar designed to introduce participants to the principles and practical applications of data visualization enhanced by artificial intelligence. The seminar demonstrates how AI tools can assist users in identifying patterns, selecting appropriate visualizations, generating charts and dashboards, interpreting results, and developing compelling data narratives. Participants will learn that effective visualization goes beyond producing attractive charts—it requires choosing the right visual representation, maintaining statistical accuracy, highlighting meaningful insights, and communicating findings according to the needs of decision-makers and other audiences.

Through demonstrations and practical examples, participants will explore how tools and AI-assisted visualization platforms can accelerate the transformation of raw data into understandable and actionable information. The seminar will also emphasize responsible use of AI, including data privacy, validation of AI-generated outputs, avoidance of misleading visualizations, and the continuing importance of human statistical judgment.

ABOUT THE RESOURCE PERSON



Jose Pedro E. Cuartero is a Finance Manager at Foodpanda Philippines, where he leads vendor finance operations, oversees wastage budget utilization, and drives the resolution of complex vendor financial cases. In this role, he serves as a strategic point of contact for internal and external stakeholders, managing end-to-end financial relationships and discourse for restaurant and shop partners.

Prior to joining Foodpanda, Jao served at the Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute (PSRTI) within the Training Division as a Training Coordinator, Resource Person, and Administrative Officer. His background in state-level statistical training and capacity building honed his key competencies in stakeholder management, data-driven decision-making, and administrative leadership.

Mr. Cuartero holds a Bachelor of Science in Statistics from the University of the Philippines Diliman.

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

Day 2, October 20, 2026 - Tuesday
Auditorium, UP School of Statistics

OPENING CEREMONY

09:00 AM –10:30 AM

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WELCOME REMARKS	**DR. LISA GRACE S. BERSALES** *PSAI President and* *Chairperson of the 2026 Annual Conference*
INTRODUCTION OF THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER	**FRANCISCO N. DE LOS REYES** *PSAI Vice-President and* *Dean of the UP School of Statistics*
KEYNOTE ADDRESS	**MR. DIWA C. GUINIGUNDO** *Former Deputy Governor* *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas*
INTERMISSION NUMBER	**PSA CHORALE**

PLENARY SESSION

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

COUNTING FROM ABOVE: GEOAI FOR CENSUS STATISTICS

Mr. Tristan Julius T. Cleofe
Geodata Systems Technologies, Inc.

MASTER OF CEREMONY

MS. MYLIN MIRASOL C. QUIRAY
Commission on Population and Development

DAY 2

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BREAKING THE MOLD: FROM RESILIENCE TO PRODUCTIVITY,INNOVATION AND ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

(9:00 AM - 10:30 AM)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Mr. Diwa C. Guinigundo

VENUE: Auditorium, School of Statistics
University of the Philippines Diliman

ABOUT THE RESOURCE PERSON



- Former Deputy Governor of Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) 2005-2019, responsible for monetary policy and operations, international operations and other various aspects of central banking and macroeconomic policy.
- Advisory Panel Member from 2023 to 2027, ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO).
- Has published several books, including **Trauma to Triumph: Rising from the Ashes of the Asian Financial Crisis**, which he co-edited with AMRO.
- Writes weekly columns for the Manila Bulletin and BusinessWorld.
- Member of the Advisory Panel of the Sim Kee Boon Institute for Financial Economics at the Singapore Management University and fellow of the Foundation for Economic Freedom.
- Holds a MSc degree in Economics from the London School of Economics and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of the Philippines.

COUNTING FROM ABOVE: GEOAI FOR CENSUS STATISTICS

(11:00 AM - 12:00 NN)

PLENARY SPEAKER: Mr. Tristan Julius T. Cleofe

VENUE: Auditorium, School of Statistics
University of the Philippines Diliman

ABOUT THE RESOURCE PERSON



Tristan Julius T. Cleofe is a Remote Sensing Specialist from the Remote Sensing and Data Science Division of Geodata Systems Technologies, Inc. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Geography, magna cum laude, from the University of the Philippines Diliman, with an undergraduate thesis on the socio-spatial effects of railway development in Southern Luzon. His work focused on the infrastructure sector.

His competencies cover end-to-end imagery workflows across optical, SAR, and drone datasets, reality mapping, and general spatial analysis. His technical work includes photogrammetric processing in ArcGIS Drone2Map, object-based image analysis and deep learning for feature extraction, and multitemporal change detection.

Beyond his technical work with the Remote Sensing and Data Science Division, Mr. Celofe also serves as an instructor for advanced remote sensing courses in ArcGIS Pro and ArcGIS Drone2Map.

PARALLEL

DAY 2

PARALLEL SESSION 1A (BEST STUDENT PAPER)

Session Chair: Rechel G. Arcilla Rapporteurs: Mia Laarni N. Ortiola / Michael J. Cruz Venue: Lecture Hall 1

1:30 - 3:00

CAPTURING AIR QUALITY DYNAMICS: A SPATIO-TEMPORAL ORDINAL GAM FRAMEWORK FOR AQI FORECASTING IN THE PHILIPPINES

Ms. Kristine Joli S. Redondo
University of the Philippines Diliman

MODELING MUNICIPAL FISHERIES PRODUCTION IN THE PHILIPPINES: A COMPARATIVE TIME SERIES ANALYSIS OF TRADITIONAL, MACHINE LEARNING, AND DEEP LEARNING APPROACHES

Mr. Shan Rencis R. Fernandez
University of the Philippines Diliman

THE ANATOMY OF A FILIPINO BASKET: A PSEUDO-PANEL MACHINE LEARNING APPROACH TO HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION TYPOLOGY AND PRICE-RESPONSIVENESS

Mr. Joshua Gabriel D. Romano
University of the Philippines Diliman

PANEL OF JUDGES

Ms. Rosalinda P. Bautista, PSA
Ms. Carmelita N. Ericta, PSSC
Mr. Diwa C. Guinigundo, BSP

03:00 – 03:30 **Coffee Break**

PARALLEL SESSION 1B (ECONOMICS AND SOCIAL STATISTICS)

Session Chair: Jade Eric T. Redoblado Rapporteurs: Julie-Kris B. Telan / Maria Sheryl P. Ocampo Venue: Auditorium

1:30 - 3:00

NOWCASTING GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF THE PHILIPPINES USING NONFARM PAYROLL AND MONTHLY INDICATORS THROUGH MIXED DATA SAMPLING

Mr. Manuel Angelo M. Casalan
Philippine Statistics Authority

MONTHLY DEFLATOR-BASED INFLATION MEASURES COMPLEMENT CPI-BASED INFLATION

Ms. Neriza C. Chow
De La Salle University

03:00 – 03:30 **Coffee Break**

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PARALLEL SESSION 1C (DATA SCIENCE AND AI)

Session Chair: Ferdinand S. Co *Rapporteurs: Judith G. Maclang / Erika L. Nobleza* *Venue: Lecture Hall 2*

1:30 - 3:00	**BETWEEN CRISIS AND RECOVERY: ECONOMIC NARRATIVES AND SYSTEMIC RISK IN THE PHILIPPINES** **Ms. Lizelle Ann V. Cruz** *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas* **STRUCTURAL CRACKS AND CYCLICAL TREMORS: A LARGE LANGUAGE MODEL ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL STABILITY REPORTS IN ASIA-PACIFIC** **Mr. Jorjin F. Godoy** *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas* **BEYOND SENTIMENT: MEASURING INTENSITY IN BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS SURVEY RESPONSES** **Mr. Gabriel A. Masangkay** *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas*
03:00 – 03:30	**Coffee Break**

PARALLEL SESSION 2A (INNOVATION AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION)

Session Chair: Francisco N. De Los Reyes *Rapporteurs: Mia Laarni N. Ortiola / Maria Sheryl P. Ocampo* *Venue: Lecture Hall 1*

3:30 - 5:00	**NETWORK-BASED MEASURES OF CREDIT STRESS CONTAGION IN ASEAN BANKING** **Jorjin F. Godoy** *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas* **DIGITAL MEDIA AND CONSUMER BEHAVIOR IN ASEAN-6 THROUGH AKERLOF'S THEORY OF INFORMATION ASYMMETRY** **Jessa Mae D. Andal** **Pam Ashley C. Fale** **University of Santo Tomas**
05:00 - 05:30	**Photo Opportunity**

PARALLEL SESSIONS

DAY 2

PARALLEL SESSION 2B (SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT)

Session Chair: Michael Daniel C. Lucagbo Rapporteurs: Julie-Kris B. Telan / Bepu Brylle R. Bangcoyo Venue: Auditorium

3:30 - 5:00	**IMPACT OF K-12 REFORM ON FUNCTIONAL LITERACY** **Mr. Nikkin L. Beronilla** *Philippine Statistics Authority* **IS INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE ASSOCIATED WITH HAVING MORE CHILDREN THAN DESIRED? EVIDENCE FROM THE 2025 PHILIPPINE NATIONAL DEMOGRAPHIC AND HEALTH SURVEY** **Ms. Kianna Mae C. Tuazon** *Philippine Statistics Authority* **UNDERSTANDING ADOLESCENT AWARENESS OF ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT AND ASSOCIATED ECO-PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSEQUENCES** **Ms. Jamie T. Castro** *Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology*
05:00 - 05:30	**Photo Opportunity**

PARALLEL SESSION 2C (STATISTICAL METHODOLOGIES)

Session Chair: Jade Eric T. Redoblado Rapporteurs: Judith G. Maclang / Aljane Mae A. Oyan Venue: Lecture Hall 2

3:30 - 5:00	**VISUALIZING REORGANIZATION IN FINANCIAL MARKET MOMENTUM THROUGH PHASE-SPACE RECONSTRUCTION** **Mr. Kent Emmanuel C. Soria** *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas* **SMALL AREA ESTIMATION: MODEL SELECTION AND METHODOLOGICAL APPROACHES** **Mr. John Rayven DC. Surio** *Philippine Statistics Authority* **FRAMEWORK DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF LOGISTICS PERFECT ORDER FULFULLMENT IN THE RETAIL INDUSTRY** **Mr. Melecio A. Sy, Jr.** *University of Minddnao*
05:00 - 05:30	**Photo Opportunity**

DAY 3

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PARALLEL

DAY 3

PARALLEL SESSION 3A (EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY MAKING GOVERNANCE)

Session Chair: MIchael Daniel C. Lucagbo *Rapporteurs: Mia Laarni N. Ortiola / Michael J. Cruz* *Venue: Auditorium*

8:30 - 10:00	**BANKING SYSTEM RESILIENCE IN ASEAN: EVIDENCE FROM NORMALIZED SRISK MEASURES AND STRESS SCENARIOS** **Mr. Jorjin F. Godoy** *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas* **BAYESIAN SPATIO-TEMPORAL MODELING WITH CHANGE-POINT ANALYSIS OF CRIMES IN SOCCSKSARGEN** **Mr. Danzel A. Ocenar** *Mindanao State University* **UNDERSTANDING THE INNOVATION RESISTANCE BEHIND LOW PRIME-HRM ADOPTION IN HIGH-PERFORMING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS** **Mr. Franco G. Jubilo** *Commission on Population and Development Region 1*
10:00 - 10:30	**Coffee Break**

PARALLEL 3B (ECONOMICS AND SOCIAL STATISTICS)

Session Chair: Shirlee R. Ocampo *Rapporteurs: Julie-Kris B. Telan/Ms. April Dominique J. Rabada* *Venue: Lecture Hall 1*

8:30 - 10:00	**EXPERIENCING MENTAL DISTRESS: YOUTH MENTAL WELL-BEING IN WESTERN VISAYAS** **Ms. Arnie Joy C. Vallejo** *Commission on Population and Development (CPD) Region VI* **TRENDS OF SUICIDAL IDEATION AMONG FILIPINO ADOLESCENTS: EVIDENCE FROM FIVE NATIONAL GSHS SURVEYS, 2003–2019** **Mr. Francis Yestin Javiero** *University of the Philippines Visayas* **THE COST OF DECENT LIFE: EXPLORING APPROACHES TO LIVING WAGE ESTIMATION IN THE PHILIPPINES** **Mr. Daryl A. Azura** *Philippine Statistics Authority*
10:00 - 10:30	**Coffee Break**

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PARALLEL 3C (OFFICIAL STATISTICS)

Session Chair: Romeo S. Recide Rapporteurs: Judith G. Maclang / Nicole Tania A. Adaban Venue: Lecture Hall 2

8:30 - 10:00	**BEYOND REMITTANCES: MEASURING THE DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION OF RETURNING AND RETURNED OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS THROUGH THE NATIONAL INVENTORY OF RETURNING AND RETURNED OFWS OF THE PHILIPPINES (NIROP)** **Mr. Loreto B. Soriano** *Migration And Development Policy Center* **STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCE TARGETING FOR CLIMATE-RESILIENT AND PEOPLE-CENTERED LOCAL GOVERNANCE IN THE PHILIPPINES: A MULTIDIMENSIONAL SUBNATIONAL TYPOLOGY BASED ON OFFICIAL STATISTICS, ADMINISTRATIVE DATA, AND PUBLISHED EVIDENCE** **Mr. Alexander A. Makinano** *Commission On Population and Development* **UNDERSTANDING OUT-OF-SCHOOL LEARNERS MINDSETS: SENTIMENT ANALYSIS ON POLITICAL POLARIZATION AND DISINFORMATION AMONG ALS LEARNERS** **Mr. Dionito F. Mangao, Jr.** *Division of Cavite Province, Alternative Learning System, Department of Education*
10:00 - 10:30	**Coffee Break**

PLENARY TALK

Moderator: Romeo S. Recide Rapporteurs: Judith G. Maclang / Nicole Tania A. Adaban Venue: Auditorium

10:30 - 12:00	**BREAKING THE MOLD: TAO ANG PUSO NG PAG-UNLAD** **Dr. Lisa Grace S. Bersales** *PSAI President and* *Chairperson of the 2026 Annual Conference* *Executive DIrector, Commission on Population and Development*
12:00 - 01:00	**Lunch Break**
01:00 - 02:00	**Closing Ceremony**

BREAKING THE MOLD: TAO ANG PUSO NG PAG-UNLAD

(10:30 AM - 12:00 NN)

PLENARY SPEAKER: Dr. Lisa Grace S. Bersales

VENUE: Auditorium, School of Statistics
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ABOUT THE RESOURCE PERSON



- Served as the first National Statistician and Civil Registrar General of the Philippines from 2014 to 2019, leading the establishment and initial implementation of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) as per Republic Act No. 10625, or the Philippine Statistical Act of 2013.
- Earned her Bachelor of Science in Statistics, cum laude, in 1978, Master of Science in Statistics in 1981, and Doctor of Philosophy in Statistics in 1989, all from the University of the Philippines (UP).
- Served as Dean of the UP School of Statistics and Vice President for Planning and Finance of the UP System and conferred the title of Professor Emeritus in Statistics in 2023.
- Internationally, she served as Chairperson and Co-Chairperson in various groups of the United Nations Inter-Agency and Experts, Asia and the Pacific, and the Executive Committee of the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21).
- Currently serving as Undersecretary and Executive Director of the CPD and President of the Philippine Statistical Association, Inc.
- Her professional work continues to contribute to the advancement of official statistics, population and development policy, and evidence-based decision-making in the Philippines.

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CLOSING CEREMONY
01:00 PM –02:00 PM

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