



CALL FOR PAPERS

THE 2017 PHILIPPINE SOCIETY FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

**NOVEMBER 16-18, 2017
BSA TOWERS, ORTIGAS CENTER, MANDALUYONG CITY,
PHILIPPINES 1550**

Theme

**"Innovations in Public Administration Reforms in ASEAN and
in Asian Communities**

Sub-themes

*Forging Knowledge Co-Creation, Linking Societies and the
Foundations for Democracy, Peace and Sustainable
Development"*

*Addressing the Binding Constraints to Equitable Access to
Responsive Services for the People: Strengthening Policies,
Institutions, Organizations and Regional Cooperation*

THE 2017 PSPA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 2017 International Conference joins the celebration of the ASEAN year on its 50th Anniversary Foundation. The Conference also gives attention to the continuing and strong solidarity of the Philippines and ASEAN with Asian Societies and the World Community.

As in our past Conference, the Philippine Society for Public Administration (PSPA) will hold these for a and discourses in cooperation with our partner institutions, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the City of Mandaluyong, the National College of Public Administration and Governance (NCPAG), and other partner academic, government and civil society institutions. As such the PSPA deems it fitting to adopt the theme, "Innovations in Public Administration Reforms in ASEAN and in Asian Communities: Forging Knowledge Co-Creation, Linking Societies and the Foundations for Democracy, Peace and Sustainable Development" from November 16-18, 2017 (Thurs-Sat.) to be held at the BSA Twin Towers Hotel, Mandaluyong City.

This Conference follows thru previous fora and continues to focus continuing discussions and sharing of studies and experiences on best practices in governance, public sector reform, inclusive democracy and sustainable development, as well as such imperatives as citizen engagement, climate change, the peace process and other compelling issues and challenges confronting the public administration community and the larger society. The Conference pays also specific reference to the ideals and aspirations of engendering decentralization and democracy to bring about development, especially on habitually neglected communities. It also gives attention to growing propositions towards federalization of unitary systems such as the Philippines. In this sense, it highlights the agenda of knowledge co-creation, sharing and diffusion so as to establish patterns of best practices that can be replicated across different cultures.

This event once again brings together insights and perspectives from the academe, government practitioners, civil society organizations and the private sector as the country observes the ASEAN 50th year and follows at the heels of the ASEAN Summit hosted and held in the Philippines last April 26-29, 2017.

The Conference reinforces the joint initiative of the PSPA, the UNDP, the Commission on Human Rights and other partner institutions such as the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA), and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) of the Republic of the Philippines, among others on the need to provide a forum that will provide the opportunity for the exchange of views, insights and experiences in the Philippines and other countries on the dynamics of good governance, public sector reforms, knowledge co-creation. As such, this Conference is conceived as a Policy Forum that seeks, among others, to continue and press discourse on good governance and reforms in the Philippines and in other countries and how these have supported or are supporting the ends of development.

Likewise, the Conference aspire to build a document of particulars and policy recommendations that will serve as a multi-sectoral recommendation to the promulgation of policy issues.

The Conference is also intended to assess poverty incidence and inequalities in the different regions of the country, especially as to how decentralization and democratization policies have facilitated or inhibited opportunities of marginalized communities.

The Conference also seeks to identify potential academic institutions to serve as governance hubs to promote the means and ends of decentralization and democracy at the regional levels through continuing research, monitoring and evaluation, and consolidation and integration of initiatives towards strengthening decentralization and democracy in their respective regions and communities.

As part of these exchanges, international experts and speakers will also again be invited to share their respective experiences in decentralization and democratic governance in pursuit of development goals. In this regard, faculty members, researchers and students of academic institutions, officials and staff of national agencies and local government units, civil society organizations, international organizations and representatives from the private sectors are invited to share their insights and perspectives on the state of decentralization, democratic governance and development in their communities.

As such, a host of pertinent sub-themes are generated along these broad areas of concern, namely:

- a) ASEAN styles and modes of Good Governance and public sector reforms in ASEAN and Asian Societies as well as the international community of nations;
- b) Experiences in Knowledge co-creation and diffusion;
- c) Impact and state of devolution policies in agriculture, environment, social services and health under the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA 7160), with particular reference to issues and challenges;
- d) Financial revenue generation issues in local autonomy;
- e) The state of decentralization in the devolved areas and their impact on communities;
- f) Best practices and exemplars, as well as public sector reform in decentralization, democratic governance and combatting poverty and corruption in local government units;
- g) The state of poverty and inequality in the different regions of the country;
- h) Decentralization issues in managing climate change and disaster reduction, especially in high poverty incidence and conflict ridden communities;
- i) Inter-local relations and how they promote decentralization and democratic governance as well as citizen participation and empowerment;

- j) National-local relations and decentralization and democratic governance issues as they affect development goals;
- k) Academe and LGU cooperation;
- l) Gender mainstreaming, women empowerment and children protection; and,
- m) Issues on Federalism

As such the PSPA issues this call for submission of paper to its Organizing Committee at pspa.ph@yahoo.com; lizanpcalina@gmail.com. For more information, please call 0917.543.4511

The deadline for the submission of abstracts shall be received by the Organizing Committee August 15, 2017. Notification of approved abstracts shall be released by September 15, 2017. The deadline for submission of full papers and powerpoint presentations of accepted abstracts shall be on October 30, 2017.

Registration rates shall be: Php 6,000.00 and Php 5,500 for PSPA members with authorized/valid IDs.

Participants are requested to make their own arrangements as to board and lodging and transportation to and from their origins. Participants are also advised that parking spaces will be limited at the site.