

I am honored to lead the 26th National Convention of the Bankers Institute of the Philippines (BAIPHIL). The convention will be one momentous event as it not only coincides with the celebration of the Institute's 70th year but it will also serve as a culminating activity for BAIPHIL Week.

Our theme for the Convention "BAIPHIL @ 70: Empowering the Banking Industry through Continuing Education, Innovation and Research" reflects the organization's vital role as a strong partner in propagating learning and productivity in the financial sector. Along with the distinguished participants, expected is the convergence of resource speakers, technocrats, and other well-known providers who will share and showcase their expertise, products and solutions. We look forward to an exciting learning experience that will empower us and take us beyond our goal of coming better bankers of the future.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Officers, I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation to all the committee chairs and members who organized bits and pieces to prepare for this event. The selfless dedication, tireless efforts and unstinted support are truly inspiring and heartwarming. To all the participants, our institution members, sponsors, exhibitors and guests, *Maraming Salamat po!*


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