BANKERS ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES

MESSAGE

"BAIPhil @ 70: Empowering the Banking Industry through Continuing Education, Innovation and Research,"

BAIPhil's 26th National Convention
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On behalf of the Bankers Association of the Philippines, I would like to extend our warmest greetings and support to the Bankers Institute of the Philippines, Inc. (BAIPhil) as it marks its 70th year anniversary by holding its 26th National Convention.

BAIPhil's theme, *"Empowering the Banking Industry through Continuing Education, Innovation and Research,"* is a very opportune initiative whilst the Philippine commercial banking industry is forging strong cooperation and linkages in the region; and appreciating the significance of harmonization of standards amongst other Asian countries.

Aligning our knowledge and expertise to our global counterparts through a platform for continuing education; and enhancing our competitive advantage through innovation and research, are worthy undertakings more than ever now that economies are opening up for integration. We are confident that this seemingly tall challenge will bring forth the best of BAIPhil's capabilities and dedication towards the achievement of their objectives and realization of their goals.

I wish you all the best and more power on this very special and important occasion.

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