



# Philippine College of Surgeons Foundation, Inc.

## VISION

The Philippine College of Surgeons Foundation, Inc. harnesses solutions to support initiatives that address the surgical needs of the Philippines.

## MISSION STATEMENT

We are responsible stewards of resources generated through collaboration with the Philippine College of Surgeons and all who share our Vision



# Philippine College of Surgeons

## Quality Surgery For All

The organization of Surgical Specialists in the Philippines  
A Specialty Division of the Philippine Medical Association

## VISION

We are the premier organization of surgical professionals.

## MISSION STATEMENT

We shall fulfill our vision through **Quality Surgery for all.**



MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

## MESSAGE

It is with great pride to know that the **Philippine College of Surgeons (PCS)** is filled with competent, professional, and selfless physicians who play an indispensable role in rendering surgical operations to Filipino patients. For over eight decades, the PCS has been relentless in offering research-based approaches and clinically approved medications that aim to ensure the safety and well-being of those who need medical attention.

As you celebrate your **87th Foundation Day**, may you discuss significant developments and innovations in the field of surgery and related disciplines. With the advancement of technology and improved medical facilities, I look forward to the enhanced and structured modalities that you will expertly execute to bring forth a safer and more efficient surgical procedures.

Let this joyous gathering further strengthen the camaraderie among your fellow surgeons and other allied health practitioners. I am certain that, as long as you are armed with your medical expertise and genuine passion to serve, you will achieve your organization's mission of delivering quality academic and medical services that Filipinos rightfully deserve.

I wish you a happy and engaging celebration.

FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.

MANILA  
6 September 2023

# PCS 87<sup>TH</sup> FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY

From its inception and first meeting organized by Dr. Gregorio T. Singian wherein thirty-four Filipino physicians, accomplished in their respective fields, assembled at the San Juan de Dios Hospital along Calle Real Street in Intramuros on the evening of September 12, 1936 to the present Philippine College of Surgeons, the country's premiere organization for the surgical specialties has maintained its standards to the highest ideals.

This year, the College celebrates its 87th Foundation Anniversary with several activities that will promote its vision and mission starting on September 6 and culminating on September 12, 2023. Some of the week long activities lined up are the following: National Surgical Outreach Program, Blood Letting activity & Camaraderie Golf Tournament, Sunday PCS Foundation Day Mass and the PCS Foundation Night Gala Dinner.

During the PCS National Surgical Outreach Week, the 12 PCS Chapters and all accredited training institutions in general surgery and the surgical subspecialties across the nation will simultaneously conduct surgical missions for the entire week. The various chapters have also organized Blood Letting activities and Lay fora. In celebration of the PCS Foundation, the chapters around the country will also have Sportsfest tournaments in Target gun shooting, Gun safety seminars, basketball, biking, billiards, volleyball, badminton including gift-giving and tree planting activities.

The PCS Foundation Day Gala Dinner will be held on September 12<sup>th</sup> at the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel. Invited to the formal affair are the PCS Past Presidents, Board of Regents, Presidents of the subspecialty societies, Chairpersons of the committees and this year's awardees with their families. The program mainly feature the awarding for: Legends of the Knife, Community Service Award & the Lifetime Achievement Award. The PCS Vice-President, Dr. Vivencio Jose P. Villaflor III, will raise the traditional toast at the conclusion of the celebration.

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## 2023 FOUNDATION WEEK LIST OF ACTIVITIES

- September 6-8: National Surgical Outreach Day (organized by SUREComm)
- September 10: Holy Mass
- September 11: Bloodletting to be conducted in Metro Manila Hospitals
- September 12: National Stop The Bleed
- September 12: PCS 87th Foundation Day Gala Dinner
- Nationwide PCS Chapters' activities will be done simultaneously from September 6-12, 2023**

**October 1: PCS, PCSF and AWSF Fashion Show "Threads of Healing: A Celebration of Philippine Weaves and Surgical Artistry" at Manila Hotel**



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## MESSAGE

On behalf of the Department of Health (DOH), I extend my utmost congratulations to my fellow surgeons at the Philippine College of Surgeons (PCS) on 87 wonderful years of passionate service.

Since your establishment in 1936, PCS has provided invaluable contributions to the health sector as the premier organization of surgical professionals providing quality surgery for all Filipinos. As you celebrate this milestone, I hope that your passion to serve will be rekindled and inspire you to work with the government to make healthcare services more accessible to all.

In recognition of your, and other health workers' selfless dedication to improving the health of our fellow Filipinos, one of the key priorities of the DOH under its 8-Point Action Agenda is ensuring better compensation, increased professional recognition, and more opportunities for growth for our health workers - including our surgeons. Hence, rest assured that the DOH will continue to advocate for the welfare of all Filipino surgeons in the country, equipping them to become competent and dynamic healthcare professionals.

Once again, Happy 87th Foundation day to the Philippine College of Surgeons! Your dedication, professionalism, and compassion are an inspiration to us all, and we wish you continued success and growth in the years ahead.

May we continue working together towards our shared vision of a healthier future for our kababayans.

Sa Healthy Pilipinas...bawat buhay mahalaga!

TEODORO J. HERBOSA, MD  
Secretary, Department of Health



## MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

It is my honor to congratulate all the members and officers of the Philippine College of Surgeons on its 87<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day Celebration.

Foundation Days mark an important milestone for every organization to celebrate its triumphs and successes over the years. This year and the succeeding years, however, will be much different as we all step and adapt into the new normal.

On behalf of the National Officers and Board of Governors, I commend you all for the collective efforts in working hard towards the success of the organization.

Indeed, if we dream together, work together, reaching our goals will not be far beyond. Let us always remember that we are ONE PMA for a Healthy Philippines!

Tayo ang "Nagkaisang PMA: Ang Pamana ng Pilipinong Manggagamot sa Bagong Henerasyon!"

Mabuhay ang PMA at Mabuhay ang Philippine College of Surgeons!

Maria Minerva P. Calimag, M.D., M.Sc., Ph.D.  
President, 2023-2024



## MESSAGE

Reaching the age of 87 is such a remarkable milestone. Through the years, the PCS has been true to the purposes for which it was formed: for the advancement of the Science and Art of Surgery, with the welfare of the patients in mind and to promote the ethical and competent practice of surgery. The College further commits to the health agenda of our nation, taking part in the initiatives

for Universal Health Care, outreach services through the SURE Commission, trauma care, surgical infection and cancer care. And we have embodied this in our mission statement: "Quality Surgery for All".

My best wishes to all the Fellows of the Philippine College of Surgeons on our 87th Foundation Day! May we all be stewards of Quality Surgery for All.

Mabuhay po tayong lahat!

Vivencio Jose P. Villaflor III, MD, FPCS  
President, Philippine College of Surgeons



## MESSAGE

I would like to convey my best wishes to the membership of the Philippine College of Surgeons on the occasion of the 87th Foundation Week celebrations which will be held from September 6 to 12, 2023.

The line-up of national activities that have been diligently prepared by the hard working members of the External Affairs Committee aims to rekindle the enthusiasm of all PCS fellows to actively engage in the different interests and common advocacies being pursued by the College.

I would like to express my profound gratitude in advance to all partner shareholders who have and will be extending their invaluable support to ensure the success of this celebration.

I look forward to the staging of the simultaneous "National Surgical Outreach Day" activities which is something very close to my heart. I also am eagerly anticipating the "Foundation Day Gala Dinner" and the "Threads of Healing: A Celebration of Philippine Weaves and Surgical Artistry" fashion show for a cause that would serve as the culminating event of the celebration.

I urge all PCS Fellows to support all scheduled activities and rally behind the transformative leadership of the PCS Board of Regents led by our indefatigable President Maria Concepcion C. Vesagas as we lay the ground and pave the way to find ways to further strengthen the ties that bind our organization towards a leap to the future.

Mabuhay ang PCS.

Vivencio Jose P. Villaflor III, MD, FPCS  
Vice President, Philippine College of Surgeons

