



# 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.



**MESSAGE**

Initially established to heed the call of President Manuel L. Quezon for the demonstration of Filipinos' exceptional abilities and principles, the Philippine College of Surgeons has become indispensable in saving countless lives, championing public health, and revolutionizing medical practice. Apart from integrating science and technology in your interventions, you have held utmost importance to the experiences and emotions of your patients, nurturing their trust and reassuring them in moments of fear and doubt.

As you delve deeper into the complexities of the surgical field, may you continue to exercise sound judgment, responsibility, and competence in all your endeavors. I also look forward to your conscientious efforts to further your professional growth, uphold and protect your patients' rights, as well as develop integrated and multifaceted solutions to our global health issues.

I firmly believe that your discipline presents diverse opportunities to empower and, ultimately, transform the lives of the infirm, the vulnerable, and the marginalized. It is my fervent hope that the holding of your 79th Annual Clinical Congress will inspire you even more to come together with the government and other allied sectors in promoting human dignity by rendering timely, appropriate, and quality medical services to all our sectors.

Let us guide our fellow Filipinos as they lead more productive and fulfilling lives, all while shaping the future of our younger generations.

**FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.**

**MANILA**  
3 December 2023

**MALACAÑAN PALACE**  
MANILA

## PCS 79th Annual Clinical Congress

The Philippine College of Surgeons will be holding its 79th PCS Annual Clinical Congress titled "Collaborations and Innovations in the Era of Global Surgery." The topic is very appropriate because this Congress is being held with the 24th Asian Congress of Surgery by the Asian Surgical Association and the 12th ASEAN Federation of Surgical Colleges Summit. The Congress will be on December 3 - 6, 2023 at the EDSA Shangri-La Hotel in Mandaluyong City. This clinical congress is in keeping with the goal of the college to provide quality surgical care to the Filipino people through collaboration with not just neighboring countries but also the rest of the world. As the President of the PCS, Dr. Maria Concepcion C. Vesagas wrote "Collaborations have made the surgical world smaller. As means of communication become more efficient throughout the world, our exchange of ideas and cooperation across distances has become more rapid, timely and up to date." With the updated knowledge about surgical care, Filipino patients will benefit the most from these collaborative efforts by the best surgeons in our country and around the world.

The scientific committee screened the most interesting and relevant topics involving surgical care. They invited knowledgeable and well-respected physicians here and around the world to share their knowledge and expertise in surgery and other related topics like artificial intelligence and robotics to showcase the current state of surgery and surgical care around the world. The topics are varied and applicable to every aspect of healthcare. The discussions in this congress will also involve future trends in the different specialties and subspecialties of surgery. All of these talks and discussions will hopefully help the attendees improve the current state of surgical care in their place of practice.

To encourage all surgeons to attend this congress, other activities, like workshops, golf tournament and social events, will be held during the Congress to foster camaraderie among the participating doctors, both faculty and attendees. This will hopefully further improve the relationship of the surgeons around to world for better collaboration in the future. So let us join this very meaningful and timely congress which will definitely be a significant event in Philippine healthcare.

**Philippine College of Surgeons Foundation, Inc.**  
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ASA Asian Surgical Association AFSC ASEAN Federation of Surgical Colleges  
79th PCS Annual Clinical Congress combined with 24th Asian Congress of Surgery 12th AFSC Summit of Surgery  
Collaborations & Innovations in the Era of Global Surgery  
3-6 December 2023  
Edsa Shangri-La Manila, Mandaluyong City, Philippines  
Registration opens on September 1, 2023



**MESSAGE**

Mabuhay!

A warm welcome to all delegates of the 79th Philippine College of Surgeons Annual Clinical Congress "Collaborations and Innovations in the Era of Global Surgery", the delegates of the 24th Asian Congress of Surgery and to the participants of the 12th ASEAN Federation of Surgical Colleges.


Our theme for this year's Congress explores the collaborations and innovations between surgical experts and stalwarts as surgeons address the challenges of global surgery. There is a rapid turn-over of concepts and new ideas, especially in science and in the field of surgery. This is a good opportunity to learn from local surgeons and invited surgical colleagues from all over the globe. It is also a wonderful chance to network with our surgical colleagues from the ASEAN region and Asia as we share best practices and learning strategies to further strengthen surgical education.

The Committee on Continuing Education and the Committee on Conventions have prepared an excellent scientific program highlighting the present and future of the practice of surgery. This is complemented by pre-congress workshops, a golf tournament, and a fun-filled social program. And all of these are happening this December 3-6, at the EDSA Shangri-La Hotel during the most beloved season of Christmas.

I wish all a fulfilling and most fruitful learning during this 79th PCS Annual Clinical Congress.

Maligayang Pasko at Manigong Bagong Taon sa lahat!

**MARIA CONCEPCION C. VESAGAS, MD, FPCS**  
President



**MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT**

It is my honor to congratulate all the officers and members to the Philippine College of Surgeons on its 79th Annual Clinical Congress on December 3-6, 2023 at the EDSA Shangri-la Hotel, Manila with the theme "Collaborations and Innovations in the Era of Global Surgery".

This year's theme embodies the spirit of progress and collective effort in the field of surgery, a testament to the evolving landscape of healthcare on a global scale. In this era of global surgery, it is crucial that we come together, exchange knowledge, and foster meaningful collaborations that transcend geographic boundaries. Our collective intelligence and dedication can bring transformative innovations to the forefront, ultimately improving patient care worldwide.

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 "Nagkakaisang 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

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**MESSAGE**

Congratulations on the staging of the 79th PCS Annual Clinical Congress which will take place on December 3-6, 2023 at the Edsa Shangri-la Hotel in Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila with the theme: "Collaborations and Innovations in the Era of Global Surgery".


As Overall Chairperson for this year's Congress, I would like to convey my heartfelt gratitude to all hardworking members of the organizing committee for diligently preparing a world class Scientific Program for all the participants. This year's congress takes on an added significance as it will coincide with the staging of the 24th Asian Surgical Association Biennial Congress and 12th ASEAN Federation of Surgical Colleges Summit which represents an unmissable opportunity to establish, renew, and strengthen camaraderie amongst surgical practitioners while at the same time, providing an academic platform for knowledge, skills, and technology exchange amongst surgeons in the region.

Allow me to extend our appreciation to all our valued speakers, delegates, industry partners and stakeholders for their invaluable contributions and continuous support for this annual gathering of surgeons in the land.

Thank you for sharing our mission with optimism as we continue to engage in efforts to upgrade the quality of surgical practice in our country through "Quality Surgery For All" while ensuring that we remain relevant and updated with the developments and innovations in the international scene.

Mabuhay ang PCS!

**VIVENCIO JOSE P. VILLAFIOR III, MD, FPCS**  
Vice-President  
Over all Chairman



**MESSAGE**

On behalf of the Department of Health, I extend my congratulations to the Philippine College of Surgeons on your 79th Annual Clinical Congress combined with the Asian Surgical Association Conference. This event promises to be a productive gathering of dedicated medical professionals who consistently demonstrate excellence in the field of surgical care.

This year's theme, "Collaborations and Innovations in the Era of Global Surgery" is particularly relevant. In this time marked by rapid advancements and global interconnectedness, the need for collaboration and innovation has never been more crucial, especially in the field of surgery. Hence, our ability to share knowledge, harness technological advancements, and work together across borders will help shape the future of healthcare and improve patient outcomes.

The challenges we face in the evolving health landscape require us to embrace a collaborative mindset. By fostering partnerships and exchanging ideas, we can pool our collective expertise to address the complex issues that impact surgical practice on a global scale. The power of collaboration lies not only in the diversity of perspectives but also in the strength that comes from working together towards a common goal.

As we continue to face various healthcare challenges, let us continue working together to advance the field of surgery, as aligned with the Department's 8-Point Action Agenda Para sa Healthy Pilipinas -- the DOH's medium term sectoral agenda which aims to make healthcare services more responsive and accessible to all Filipinos, especially those residing in far-flung areas.


I commend the Philippine College of Surgeons for organizing this significant event and providing a platform for the exchange of knowledge and ideas. May this 79th Annual Clinical Congress and Asian Surgical Association Conference be a resounding success, and leave an indelible mark on both the national and global landscape of surgery.

Sa Healthy Pilipinas... bawat buhay mahalaga!

**TEODORO J. HERBOSA, MD**  
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**MESSAGE**

Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to extend an invitation to you for the 24th Asian Congress of Surgery, taking place in conjunction with the Philippine College of Surgeons' 79th Annual Clinical Congress and the 12th ASEAN Federation of Surgical Colleges Summit. The event will be held from December 3 to 6, 2023, at the Edsa Shangri-La in Manila.

This year's Congress theme is "Collaborations and Innovations in the Era of Global Surgery." The Scientific Committee has been diligently working to create an exceptional scientific program showcasing the current state and future trajectory of surgical practice. In addition to the main Congress, the Organizing Committee has planned a series of pre-congress workshops, a golf tournament, and an engaging social program for your enjoyment.

We believe this event presents a fantastic opportunity for you to network with fellow colleagues in the field, learn about the latest advancements and trends in surgery, and ultimately adopt best practices for patient care. We sincerely hope you will be able to join us for this exciting event. I eagerly anticipate your presence at the Congress and look forward to meeting you there.

Warm regards,  
**Professor Kent-Man CHU**  
ASA President

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