



# 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.**



# 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

## PRECISION UNDER PRESSURE: THE 52ND MIDYEAR CONVENTION

Philippine College of Surgeons  
Philippine College of Surgeons Foundation, Inc.

# 52<sup>ND</sup> PCS MIDYEAR CONVENTION

PRECISION CARE IN SURGERY  
BY CULTIVATING LEADERSHIP  
AND COMPETENCE

#pcshomeofthefilipinosurgeon  
#unityanddiversity  
#umbrellaorganization

MAY 6 - 8, 2026  
SMX CONVENTION CENTER  
CLARK FREEPORT ZONE  
PAMPANGA

hosted by:

Early Bird Registration  
Opens on March 1, 2026

Greetings to my esteemed colleagues and the Philippine College of Surgeons community. As we celebrate our 90th anniversary, the Central Luzon Chapter (CLC) is honored to host this landmark homecoming. This year's convention is a testament to our collective resilience, as our chapter rose to the challenge of organizing this event in just 100 days—a "100-Day Miracle" born from the same surgical decisiveness and precision we apply in the operating room.

While the responsibility was unexpected, the CLC board and local fellows embraced it with absolute dedication. We have curated a program that balances academic rigor with the spirit of fellowship, ensuring our scientific sessions uplift the surgical standard while our social activities—ranging from the "Great Pampanga Food Crawl" to our sports tournaments—showcase the legendary hospitality of the Culinary Capital. Your presence here today validates every logistical hurdle overcome during this brief but intense preparation period.

As we look toward the future, let this gathering remind us that our strength lies in our ability to adapt and connect. We are deeply grateful to every Fellow who traveled across the archipelago to join us in Clark. It is our sincere hope that you leave this convention with updated clinical insights, renewed pride in our College, and lasting memories of the warmth of Central Luzon.

Mabuhay ang Philippine College of Surgeons! Welcome to the 52nd Midyear Convention!

## MESSAGES



My warmest greetings to the **Philippine College of Surgeons (PCS)** as you hold your **52<sup>nd</sup> Midyear Convention**.

For more than half a century, PCS has served as a pillar of excellence in Philippine medicine. By equipping Filipino surgeons with the latest knowledge, advanced techniques, and the highest ethical standards, you ensure that our healthcare system remains capable of responding to the most complex and life-threatening conditions. Through your leadership in training and continuing medical education, you empower surgeons to deliver safer procedures, better outcomes, and renewed hope for countless Filipino patients.

May this convention serve as a vital platform for surgeons, residents, and allied health professionals to exchange knowledge, explore emerging innovations, and refine strategies that will further improve surgical practice in the

Philippines. More importantly, may it deepen the shared commitment of your community to make world-class surgical care more accessible to every Filipino.

This administration trusts that you will continue nurturing a Culture of precision, excellence, and compassionate care in the service of our people. Rest assured that we are strongly committed to strengthening our healthcare system by investing in the professional development of our medical professionals, expanding access to quality health services, and building institutions that are truly responsive to the needs of every Filipino. Together, let us continue working towards a healthier, stronger, and more resilient *Bagong Pilipinas* that the Filipino people rightfully deserve.

I wish you a meaningful and productive event.

MANILA  
06 May 2026

**FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.**

THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES



Greetings to the officers and members of the **Philippine College of Surgeons, our surgeons in training, allied health professionals, and all participants of the 52nd PCS Midyear Convention!**

The Philippine College of Surgeons has long been the backbone of our nation's surgical integrity. In every operating theater, Filipino surgeons operate at the intersection of urgency and excellence, where precision and sound judgment are the literal lifelines for our people. As our health system continues to evolve, the Department of Health looks to the surgical community not only to uphold standards of practice, but also to help ensure that safe and quality surgical care reaches more Filipino families wherever they may be.

This year's theme, "**PCS CLC: Precision Care in Surgery by Cultivating Leadership and Competence**", reflects the direction that our health system must continue to take. Precision in surgery is about advanced techniques and modern technology. It is about making the right decisions at the right time and ensuring that every patient receives appropriate care regardless of location or financial capacity.

Under Universal Health Care, we are working to strengthen surgical services across all levels of care. This includes improving hospital capacity, expanding access to essential surgical services, supporting training and professional development, and ensuring that financial protection allows patients to seek care when they need it.

May this convention serve as an opportunity to exchange practical insights and strengthen the collective effort to improve surgical care for Filipino patients. Let the insights shared here ripple outward, transforming our wards into centers of excellence and our communities into pillars of health.

*Dahil sa Bagong Pilipinas, Bawat Buhay Mahalaga!*



**TEODORO J. HERBOSA, MD**  
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## PCS 52<sup>ND</sup> MYC INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER AND TOPICS



**KOK YANG TAN, MD, MMed (Surgery), FRCS (Edin), FAMS (Singapore)**

### TOPICS:

- Value and Consistency of Surgical Outcomes
- Humanism in Surgery
- Framework for Developing Geriatric-ready Surgical Services

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I am deeply honored to congratulate the Philippine College of Surgeons as you hold your 52<sup>nd</sup> Midyear Convention with the theme "PCS CLC: Precision Care in Surgery: Cultivating Leadership and Competence". The PMA commends your continuous efforts to seek opportunities for professional development and continuing medical education. By staying current with the latest advancement in Surgery you can ensure providing the most effective and up to date care for your patients.

The Philippine College of Surgeons remain steadfast amidst numerous challenges encountered in the field of Surgery. By sharing your best practices and innovations you have managed to integrate various disciplines and deepen your knowledge through collaboration and find ways to work on a wider and more impactful scale. Holding a world class exchange of surgical expertise has brought the Filipino Surgeon at par with global surgical experts. Through continuous mentorship you have fostered the development and cultivation of young leaders ready to continue your quest for surgical competence and compassionate service.



Warm greetings to all distinguished colleagues, honored guests, and members of the Philippine College of Surgeons.

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I welcome you to the 52<sup>nd</sup> PCS Midyear Convention at the SMX Convention Center in Clark. This year's gathering, centered on the theme "Precision Care in Surgery: Cultivating Leadership and Competence," (PCS CLC) reflects our unwavering commitment to excellence in surgical practice and patient care.

In an era marked by rapid advancements in medical technology and evolving patient needs, precision in surgery is no longer a mere aspiration—it is an imperative. It demands not only mastery of technical skills but also clarity in judgment, integrity in decision-making, and compassion in patient care. As surgeons, we stand at the forefront of this responsibility. Equally vital is our role as leaders. Leadership in surgery goes beyond titles or positions; it is demonstrated in our ability to inspire trust, mentor the next generation, and uphold the highest standards of our profession. By cultivating both leadership and competence, we strengthen not only our individual practices but also the collective future of surgery in our nation.

This convention provides a valuable platform to exchange knowledge, share innovations, and foster collaboration among peers. Let us take full advantage of this opportunity to learn from one another, challenge existing perspectives, and continue striving for surgical excellence.



Good day, everyone.

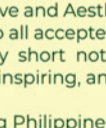
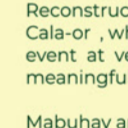
On behalf of the Philippine College of Surgeons, it is my great honor and privilege to welcome all our distinguished guests and participants to the 52<sup>nd</sup> PCS Midyear Convention at SMX Convention Center, Clark Freeport, Pampanga. Your presence reflects our shared commitment to surgical excellence, academic growth, collaboration, and service to the Filipino people.

This year's convention is especially meaningful as this is jointly hosted by the Central Luzon Chapter and the Philippine Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons. We are pleased to host this important event in Clark, a place known for its history, centrality, accessibility, energy, and hospitality. Over the course of this convention, we hope you will enjoy

The Philippine Medical Association recognize your achievement through sacrifices and hard work. We stand as a permanent partner and friend. We shall all work as one to deliver comprehensive and coordinated care for a healthy community and a healthy Nation.

Manatili po tayong "Nagkakaisang PMA: Hatid ay Kalusugan para sa lahat!"

I wish you success in your current endeavor.



**HECTOR M. SANTOS, JR. MD, MMHA**  
President

Mabuhay ang Philippine College of Surgeons.

Thank you,



**JOSELITO M. MENDOZA, MD, FPCS**  
President

meaningful scientific sessions, fruitful exchanges of ideas, and the rekindling of professional friendships and collegial bonds.

May this 52<sup>nd</sup> Midyear Convention inspire us all to continue advancing the standards of surgical practice, strengthening our society, and expanding the reach of quality surgical care across the country.

Once again, welcome, and thank you for being part of this important gathering



**RODNEY B. DOFITAS, MD, FPCS**  
Vice President and Overall Chairman  
Committee on Conventions



Warmest greetings to the distinguished officers and members of the Philippine College of Surgeons as you gather for your **52<sup>nd</sup> Midyear Convention** under the meaningful theme: "**PCS CLC: Precision Care in Surgery by Cultivating Leadership and Competence.**"

This theme reflects the very heart of the surgical profession—where knowledge, discipline, and leadership converge to deliver the highest standard of care. Precision in surgery is not merely a matter of technique; it is a reflection of years of dedication, rigorous training, and an unwavering commitment to protect and preserve human life.

Across our nation, Filipino surgeons continue to exemplify excellence in medicine. With steady hands and compassionate hearts, you restore hope to patients and families who entrust their lives to your expertise. Through your leadership and competence, you elevate the standards of healthcare and inspire the next generation of medical professionals to pursue the same noble calling.

Here in the Province of Pampanga, we share this commitment to strengthening healthcare systems that are compassionate, responsive, and accessible to all.

Our Provincial Government continues to invest in our hospitals, enhance medical services, and build stronger partnerships with healthcare professionals who dedicate their lives to healing and service.

Indeed, the work of a surgeon represents one of the highest forms of public service. Behind every successful operation is not only skill and precision, but also courage, integrity, and a deep sense of responsibility for the lives entrusted to your care. Your profession reminds us that science and compassion, when guided by leadership and competence, can transform lives and uplift communities.

May this convention serve as a vital platform for collaboration, learning, and renewed inspiration as you continue to advance the frontiers of surgical excellence and strengthen the practice of precision care in surgery for the benefit of our people.

On behalf of the Provincial Government and the people of Pampanga, I extend my warmest congratulations and deepest appreciation to the Philippine College of Surgeons for your invaluable contributions to the health and well-being of our nation.

May your gathering be meaningful, productive, and truly inspiring.

Mabuhay ang manggagamot na Pilipino. Mabuhay ang Philippine College of Surgeons.

