



# PHILIPPINE POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

Philippine Social Science Center, Diliman, Quezon City, PHILIPPINES

25 February 2014

Dear PPSA Member:

The Philippine Political Science Association (PPSA) will be holding its annual International Conference on 10-11 April 2014 at the University of the Philippines Visayas, Iloilo City, Iloilo. The theme for this year's conference is *Gazing Out: Locating Asia in the Philippine Political Worldview*. Co-organized with the University of the Philippines Visayas, the 2014 International Conference of the PPSA will explore and interrogate how the Philippines looks upon Asia. It will attempt to examine the lessons that can be learned in terms of how Asia has managed to overcome the challenges such as economic crises, terrorism, democracy and human rights, among others. This year's conference intends to showcase different perspectives in the way that Asia is depicted and show how the region is 'mirrored' by itself. It will also provides a venue in which to reflect on the previous and present contributions of the discipline as stepping stones in charting new directions in the field of political science. More importantly, it aims to promote a developing country perspective of a region as vast and as complex as Asia. Scholars, activists, and other public intellectuals from the Philippines, Asia, and elsewhere are encouraged to participate.

In behalf of the organizing committee, I would like to invite you to become a participant in the 2014 PPSA International Conference. I assure you that this year's conference will bring in a good collection of papers and presentations on a variety of political issues concerning the Philippines and the region. Professor Mark Thompson of the City University of Hong Kong will provide the overall tone for the conference as this year's keynote speaker. The conference registration fee is PhP 3,500.00.

I hope that you will be able to join us in Iloilo.

Sincerely,

Herman Joseph S. Kraft  
President