

## PAFTE holds 13<sup>th</sup> Midyear Confab

The Philippine Association for Teachers and Educators (PAFTE) conducted the 13<sup>th</sup> Midyear Convention themed: “Evidence-Based Practices and Innovations in Education through Research and Integration for Sustainability” on June 15-16, 2023 via Microsoft Live.

In capsule, Dr. Poh Soon Koh from National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore delivered his keynote address; while Dr. Gina O. Gonong, Undersecretary for Curriculum and Instruction of the Department of Education, rendered her inspirational message. Likewise, the following experts served as resource speakers who presented their respective session topics, namely: Dr. Marie Paz E. Morales, University Professor, Philippine Normal University (Research-Based Educational Innovations); Dr. Michelle J. Olvido, Presidential Assistant for Planning and Development, Cebu Normal University (Enhancing Research Competitiveness); Dr. Warren A. Ramos, Chief Education Supervisor, Policy Planning and Research Division, DepEd-NCR (Research Priorities in Basic Education); and Dr. Ricver P. Ureta, Institutional Coordinator for Project Forth, University of St. La Salle Bacolod (Master of Arts in Teaching in the Challenged Areas).

Meanwhile, ten participating institutions in the Project Forth presented their research findings relevant to the launching and development of the said project. The sharing of updates from partner agencies became the anticipated part of the program as presented by Dr. Filomena T. Dayagbil (Technical Panel for Teacher Education), Dr. Runvi V. Manguerra (Teacher Education Council), Ms. Rhodora Angela F. Ferrer (Private Education Assistance Committee), and Dr. Diosdado M. San Antonio (SEAMEO Innotech), respectively.

Notably, participants did not only gain learning takeaways from this convention but they also merited 12 CPD units granted by the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Council for Professional Teachers.

The image is a collage of four screenshots from the PAFTE 13th Midyear Convention. The top-left screenshot shows the convention's title and theme: "PHILIPPINE ASSOCIATION FOR TEACHERS AND EDUCATORS, INC. 13th PAFTE MIDYEAR CONVENTION Theme: Evidence-Based Practices and Innovations in Education through Research and Integration for Sustainability June 15-16, 2023". The top-right screenshot displays the National Board (2023-2024) and Board of Directors, listing members such as Dr. Victoria F. Espinoza, Dr. Elmer D. Cruz, Dr. Filomena T. Dayagbil, Dr. Bernard M. Balaguer, Dr. Rosa May P. Escalona, Dr. Mercedes B. Jover, Dr. Imelda S. Canales, Dr. Maria Concepcion P. Balaguer, Dr. Dina Jovy S. Coronado, Dr. Madeline S. Hernandez, Dr. Rosalee S. Vitorales, Dr. Esther S. Estalera, Dr. Arnel M. Reyes, Dr. Myra D. Jamela, Dr. Remy P. Ureta, and Dr. Ricver P. Ureta. The bottom-left screenshot shows a presentation titled "Research-based Educational Innovation" for LAMESA (Life-Saving Automated Mesa to Endure Seismic Activity), detailing a process from Literature Review to Product Development and Dissemination. The bottom-right screenshot features an "INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE" from Dr. Gina O. Gonong, Undersecretary for Curriculum and Instruction, Department of Education, with the same theme as the convention.