

## MESSAGES AND GREETINGS

*The Linguistic Society of the Philippines requested former lecturers and visiting specialists of the Language Study Center of Philippine Normal College to send greetings. Reproduced are their kind messages.*

I appreciate deeply your kind invitation to send greetings on the occasion of the celebration of twenty-five years of activity of the Language Study Center of the Philippine Normal College. My appreciation is all the deeper because it gives me an opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks for all the assistance I received during my visits to the College in search of information and data concerning Philippine languages. As you probably know, I retired from Yale University in 1984, but I have continued my research on Austronesian languages in general with close attention to those of the Philippines.

The assistance and cooperation I received from Dr. Sibayan and others at the Language Study Center has proved invaluable in my aim to establish the history, or better, the prehistory of the Austronesian languages and particularly the way in which the Philippine languages fit in the Austronesian family tree. Most interesting to me is the bearing this study has on the history and prehistory of the peoples of the Philippines.

You can well imagine that it is my hope to visit the Philippines, preferably in the nearest future, and greet all my friends there in person. In the meantime, let me wish them all the best and a bright and successful future for the Language Study Center.

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The Language Study Center's 25th anniversary is well worth celebrating. It has made many fine contributions to language teaching, applied linguistics and sociolinguistics during the past quarter century and has earned for itself a secure place in the research literature as well as an indelible niche in the hearts of language students and language researchers everywhere. Every report published by one of its staff receives immediate, serious attention because all of us realize the high level of research competence and of interpretive care that the Language Study Center has always stood for and stands for today. The LSC is not only the outstanding center for such research in the Philippines. It is not only the most outstanding center for such research between Singapore and Melbourne. It would be judged to be truly outstanding in any comparison, bar non, with ANY OTHER similarly focused research center anywhere in the world. That is why its celebration is the celebration of an entire disciplinary and topical focus the world over.

Having visited the Center twice (if my memory does not fail me: once in '69 and once in '75), gotten to know its senior staff and to benefit tremendously from their insight into language planning in the Philippines, my admiration for the Center is well anchored both in practical and theoretical considerations. I am sure I speak for hundreds of colleagues and thousands of students all over the globe when I wish it a "happy silver anniversary" and a bon voyage to the "golden anniversary" that it will celebrate 25 years from now. God willing, I promise to come to that one!

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Warmest personal and professional congratulations especially to Bonifacio Sibayan, Andrew Gonzalez, Emy Pascasio, Ponciano Pineda and all Linguistic Society of the Philippines members and Language Study Center linguists for a rigorously relevant and wonderfully vital 25 years.

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Contratulations to the Language Study Center of the Philippine Normal College on its twenty-five years of exemplary work in language teaching and applied linguistics. The occasion is especially meaningful to me, for it was just twenty-five years ago--June 1964--that I completed two happy, fruitful years as a Fulbright lecturer at PNC and staff member of PCLS. It is a joy to note how the work of the LSC has been carried forward by its esteemed scholars, who include former PNC colleagues Fe Otanes, Bonifacio Sibayan, and Edilberto Dagot, and fellow UCLA grantee Nelly Cubar. My grateful thanks to the LSC and its precursor PCLS for giving me the opportunity to work with you and learn from you in such pleasant circumstances and for introducing me to the larger world of English teaching, which has contributed so much to my later work in this field.

Happy birthday, LSC!

ANNE C. NEWTON  
Editor, English Teaching Forum

I remember my visit (together with Cliff Prator) to the Philippines very well indeed. I was delighted to see so many of our 'UCLA-Philippine' colleagues and to listen to the exchange of memories and of new ideas on language planning and policy. I learned much listening to Fe Otanes, Professor Sibayan, Brother Andrew, and Dr. Prator. We were given many challenges to think about during our visit and I've often wondered how the many issues raised about language policy, textbooks, evaluation, and even composition instruction at the tertiary level have evolved since then.

I was very impressed with the research scholarship in sociolinguistics and second language acquisition and I still look for articles by Brother Andrew and Emy Pascasio in those areas.

Unfortunately, my only contact since then has been to do the statistical evaluation for a refugee camp EFL program in Bataan.

Please do add my warmest greetings to those offered in the volume.

EVELYN HATCH  
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May I congratulate you on the forward-looking position which the leadership in the Linguistic Society of the Philippines and the Language Study Center have taken.

EUGENE A. NIDA  
American Bible Society