

Opening of the Conference

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President Corpuz, distinguished guests, colleagues, ladies and gentlemen.

It is with great pleasure that I open the Second National Conference of the Philippine Political Science Association.

I say with great pleasure because our Association, which was founded in 1962, had become moribund in 1966. It was not until 1973, when the Association was reorganized, when its aims, the *annus mirabilis*, as provided in the By-Laws, could be implemented once more. These purposes are: "1) To promote, encourage, and support the objective and disinterested study of political science which, according to Aristotle, is the most sovereign of the arts and sciences. 2) To publish a Journal. 3) To seek to establish and maintain contact with similar professional or scholarly organizations in the interest of mutual enlightenment."

Today, our Association is embarked again in the great adventure of political science, undertaking research and seeking knowledge on various aspects of the political system and the political process, exchanging ideas and research findings with colleagues, and serving the community, the country, and — perhaps — mankind through our studies. This second national conference of the Association on Political Science, Philippine Politics, and National Development is the initial effort in these endeavors of our organization since it was reorganized.

I also say with great pleasure because in spite of Typhoon Huaning and the rains which are still with us, you are here attending this conference.

I welcome you all, and I hope that this conference will be able to make some significant contributions to the understanding of political science, Philippine politics, and national development.

I would also like to use this opportunity to express our gratitude to our guests, paper readers, discussants, panel moderators, and

above all, to the President of the University of the Philippines, Dr. Onofre D. Corpuz, for his accepting our invitation to give the keynote address. We also acknowledge the financial assistance given to us by the Philippine Social Science Council, without which this conference possibly could not have been held, and President Corpuz's giving lunch to our participants this noon at the Executive House and Dr. Gerardo Sicat's providing the dinner at the Aberdeen Court in Makati on Sunday evening. There are many more who helped us, especially the chairmen and members of our committees created for this conference, and to all of them we also extend our gratitude.

Mga kasama sa pag-aaral at pananaliksik ng agham pampulitika at ng pambansang kaunlaran: bukas na po ang ating komperensiya. Maraming salamat po.