

## MESSAGE

Republic of the Philippines  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS  
Office of the Secretary

I find pleasure in extending greetings to the officers and members of the Philippine Sociological Society on the occasion of its National Convention on 9-10 April 1987 at Central Philippine University, Iloilo City.

It is very appropriate that the Society will focus its attention and thinking on "The Teaching of Sociology." The importance of this subject matter is underscored by the fact that Philippine society must increasingly be seen through Philippine eyes, and the solutions to its social problems should emerge from a realistic understanding of their root causes, not on the basis of models developed within the context of cultures and variance with our own.

Social renewal, our aspiration to get ourselves out of the old social ruts into new trials we must blaze together, is a goal we all want to achieve. Our success in achieving it will depend, in large measure, upon our ability to teach the realities of our own sociology and to create a strong sense of appreciation for the values that should undergird a strong, dignified nation to which we can all be proud to belong.

I wish the Society success in its National Convention this year.

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