

WELCOME ADDRESS

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The honorable president of the NPC, Mr. Gabriel Itchon, Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

The 1982 annual conference of the Philippine Statistical Association Inc. is now opened, and before anything else, I wish to express my warmest welcome to all of you who have honored our invitations, especially to those who came from distant places and whose valuable presence can only be a tacit attestation to the importance of this conference.

As we all know, the paramount role of statistics in this country, and for that matter, in every civilized country of the world, cannot be overemphasized. It is a fact that statistics is an indispensable tool — a methodology or system in appraising our country's economic and socio-political condition. Intelligent studies or precise forecasts of our economy can only be possible with the use of statistics. This is equally true with large businesses, such as the affairs of giant corporations — to which the non-use or disregard of statistics could only prove fatal to their operation's viability. Needless to say, statistics is a part and parcel of growth and soundness — be it for our country's economy, for business, for politics, etc. For this reason, statistical awareness in the Philippines has grown tremendously and statistical development expanded to new dimensions. Methodologies and systems adoptable to every facet of our country's economy are continually being evolved.

In this conference, our theme covers sample surveys and censuses in the Philippines, topics which we believe are of outmost importance to statistical producers and users. These topics will be presented and discussed by our very able and distinguished colleagues. As incumbent President of the Philippine Statistical Association, Inc., I now therefore yield the rostrum to the conference speakers.

Thank you.

