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Date: <u>6-14-21</u>
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FOR : ALL PRESIDENTS/OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE/HEADS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN REGION 02

SUBJECT : INVITATION TO THE NATIONAL SUBSTANCE USE SCIENCE POLICY AND INFORMATION FORUM WITH THE THEME "SUBSTANCE USE IN THE PHILIPPINES: GOVERNANCE, RESEARCH, AND PRACTICE"

DATE : JUNE 11, 2021

Attached is a copy of the invitation from **DR. LUNINGNING E. SAMARITA-DOMINGO**, CESO III, Director IV, National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST), Department of Science and Technology, Science Heritage Building, Science Community Complex, Gen. Santos Avenue, Bicutan, Taguig City, regarding the forum on the **National Substance Use Science Policy and Information** with the Theme: "**Substance Use in The Philippines: Governance, Research, and Practice**" on **June 15, 2021 at 8:30 AM via Zoom**.

The said activity aims to:

1. Present existing evidence in the Philippines on health-centered effective strategies and interventions on the prevention, treatment, and care for people affected by drug use and drug use disorders, employing human rights-based approaches
2. Facilitate the discourse and agreement of the scientific community from different disciplines on a five-year research agenda
3. Present the scientific community's evidence-based policy recommendations to national and local policymakers.

The participants for the above-mentioned activity are Presidents, Vice-Presidents for Academics and members of the Drug Free Committee of Higher Education Institutions in Region 2.

For confirmation of attendance, participants need to register through the link <https://bit.ly/SubstanceUsePH2021> to receive the Zoom log in credentials.

For more information, you may contact the NAST Secretariat at advisory@nast.dost.gov.ph.

For your voluntary participation.



JULIETA M. PARAS, Ed.D., CESE
Director IV

Encl.: as stated



INVITATION

FOR : REGIONAL DIRECTORS
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

FROM : 
LUNINGNING E. SAMARITA-DOMINGO, CESO III
Director IV

SUBJECT : National Substance Use Science Policy and Information Forum
on 15 June 2021 (8:30 AM to 3:30 PM)

The National Academy of Science and Technology, Philippines (NAST PHL), the country's highest advisory body to the government on matters related to science and technology, in partnership with the Asian Center for Drug Policy (ACDP), and the University of the Philippines Manila, will be holding the National Substance Use Science Policy and Information Forum on 15 June 2021 (8:30 AM to 3:30 PM) via Zoom.

With the theme, "Substance Use in the Philippines: Governance, Research, and Practice", the National Substance Use Science Policy and Information Forum aims to (1) present existing evidence in the Philippines on health-centered effective strategies and interventions on the prevention, treatment, and care for people affected by drug use and drug use disorders, employing human rights-based approaches; (2) facilitate the discourse and agreement of the scientific community from different disciplines on a five-year research agenda; and (3) present the scientific community's evidence-based policy recommendations to national and local policymakers.

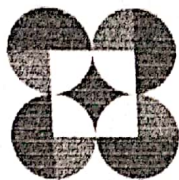
The forum is a consolidation of the outputs of the five consultative pre-conference webinars organized by the ACDP, a consortium of universities, professional organizations, and NGOs that advocates for an evidence and science-based approach to drug treatment, rehabilitation and drug policy.

With this, we are pleased to invite you and/or your staff (maximum of 10) to the science policy and information forum. May we also request your assistance in disseminating this information to the network under your supervision. Attached is the provisional program of the activity for your reference.

Kindly register online through this link bit.ly/SubstanceUsePH2021.

For more information, you may contact the NAST Secretariat at advisory@nast.dost.gov.ph.

Your positive response will be greatly appreciated. Thank you very much and stay safe.



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Department of Science and Technology
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
in partnership with the
ASIAN CENTER FOR DRUG POLICY and
UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES MANILA

National Substance Use Science Policy and Information Forum
"Substance Use in the Philippines: Governance, Research, and Practice"
15 June 2021 via Zoom

Opening Program		
8:30 – 8:35	National Anthem Doxology	
8:35 – 8:40	Opening Remarks	Academician Rhodora V. Azanza President NAST Philippines
8:40 – 8:50	Message	DOST DOH Mr. Gustavo Gonzalez United Nations Resident Coordinator for the Philippines
8:50 – 9:00	Overview of the Conference	Dr. Armando C. Crisostomo <i>Conference Chair and Co-convenor, ACDP</i> <i>Vice Chancellor for Research and</i> <i>Chairperson, TWG on Addiction Science</i> University of the Philippines Manila
9:00 – 9:20	Keynote Address	Mr. Olivier Lermet <i>Senior Policy Officer</i> United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
9:20 – 9:30	Mentimeter Poll	Dr. Leslie Michelle M. Dalmacio, OYS 2012 <i>Professor, College of Medicine</i> University of the Philippines Manila

Provisional Program as of May 27, 2021

Topic 1 - Substance Use in the Philippines: Identifying Key Issues

9:30 – 9:35	Introduction	Ms. Jo-Ann A. De Belen <i>Senior National Programme Officer</i> United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
9:35 – 9:50	Substance Use in the Philippines: Identifying Key Issues	Usec. Benjamin P. Reyes <i>Permanent Member</i> Dangerous Drugs Board
9:50 – 10:00	Open Forum	Academician Carmencita D. Padilla <i>Member and Focal Person on Substance Use,</i> NAST Philippines <i>Chancellor, University of the Philippines Manila</i>

Topic 2 – Public Health Dimensions of Substance Use

10:00 – 10:05	Introduction	Dr. Elmer S. Soriano <i>Co-convenor, ACDP</i> <i>Managing Director, Civika Asian Development Academy</i>
10:05 -10:20	Public Health Dimensions of Substance Use	Dr. Clara H. Fuderanan <i>Head, Health Systems Development and Management Support Unit, Dangerous Drugs Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program (DDAAPT)</i> Department of Health
10:20 – 10:30	Open Forum	Academician Carmencita D. Padilla <i>Member and Focal Person on Substance Use,</i> NAST Philippines <i>Chancellor, University of the Philippines Manila</i>
10:30 – 10:40	Health Break	

Topic 3 – Support Systems for Persons Who Use Drugs

10:40 – 10:45	Introduction	Ms. Jo-Ann A. De Belen <i>Senior National Programme Officer</i> United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
10:45 – 11:00	Support Systems for Persons Who Use Drugs	Mr. Rechi Cristobal <i>Executive Director & Addiction Specialist</i> Family Wellness Center Foundation
11:00 – 11:10	Open Forum	Academician Carmencita D. Padilla <i>Member and Focal Person on Substance Use,</i> NAST Philippines <i>Chancellor, University of the Philippines Manila</i>

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Topic 4 – The Science of Substance Use

11:10 – 11:15	Introduction	Dr. Elmer S. Soriano <i>Co-convenor, ACDP</i> <i>Managing Director, Civika Asian Development Academy</i>
11:15 – 11:30	Biopsychological Perspective	Dr. Gayle A. Gomez <i>Psychological Association of the Philippines</i>
11:30 – 11:45	Sociological Perspective	Dr. Leonardo R. Estacio <i>Professor, Department of Behavioral Sciences</i> <i>Dean, College of Arts and Sciences</i> <i>University of the Philippines Manila</i>
11:45 – 12:00	Open Forum	Academician Charlotte M. Chiong <i>Member, NAST Philippines</i> <i>Dean, College of Medicine</i> <i>University of the Philippines Manila</i>
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	

Topic 5 – Public Health Policy and Interventions

1:00 – 1:05	Introduction	Ms. Jo-Ann A. De Belen <i>Senior National Programme Officer</i> <i>United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime</i>
1:05 – 1:20	Health Science Perspective	Dr. Jose Bienvenido M. Leabres <i>Medical Specialist II and Program Manager,</i> <i>Dangerous Drugs Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program (DDAOTP)</i> <i>Department of Health</i>
1:20 – 1:35	Governance and Policy Perspective	Dr. Ador R. Torneo <i>Professor and Director,</i> <i>Jesse Robredo Institute of Governance</i> <i>De La Salle University Manila</i>
1:35 – 2:00	Open Forum	Academician Charlotte M. Chiong <i>Member, NAST Philippines</i> <i>Dean, College of Medicine</i> <i>University of the Philippines Manila</i>

Conference Synthesis

2:00 – 2:15	Summary of Research and Policy Recommendations	Dr. Francisco A. Magno <i>Director, Social Development Research Center</i> <i>De La Salle University Manila</i>
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