



PSD Participates 5th APSO Conference by Reisha Castillo

Philippine School Doha participated in the 5th Association of Philippine Schools Overseas (APSO) Conference held from June 11-13 at Dusit Thani Hotel and Resort in Davao City. Centered on the theme, *'Setting the Bar Higher: Management Strategies and Standards for Future-Ready Philippine Schools Overseas,'* school leaders and administrators gathered to discuss leadership, governance, and management strategies for Philippine schools overseas.

The three-day conference opened with registration and an opening program including a video presentation and opening remarks from APSO President **Dr. Noemi Formaran**. Keynote addresses were then delivered by the Commission on Filipinos Overseas Secretary, **Hon. Dante Francis Mariano Ang II**, Department of Migrant Workers Secretary, **Hon. Hans Leo J. Cacdac**, and Department of Education Secretary, **Hon. Juan Edgardo 'Sonny' M. Angara**, who discussed matters concerning Philippine schools overseas and the Filipino community.

The first day featured sessions on "Ethical Leadership and Accountabilities" led by **Atty. Joseph**

Noel M. Estrada, “Quality Assurance and Institutional Growth” by **Dr. Rhodora Angela Fernandez-Ferrer**, and the “Strengthened Senior High School Curriculum” by **Director Runvi V. Manguerra** of the Private Education Office. Tasks followed each session, while sponsor presentations and networking activities were also held throughout the day.

Activities on the second day focused on school management and emerging educational concerns. **Dr. Dennis Prince Germano** presented ‘Digital Governance: Using Analytics in Leadership,’ followed by **Dr. Gina L. Montalan**’s session, “Managing with Purpose: Building Environmentally Responsible Schools.” **Ms. Dorothy de Mesa** concluded the day’s talks with “Nurturing Cultural Identity and Critical Thinking in PSOs,” after which participants joined engagements and sponsored activities.

The final day began with **Encyclopedia Britannica Australia** presenting ‘AI with Integrity: Ethical Leadership, Accountability, and Academic Standards.’ APSO member schools later shared school practices then proceeded to sponsor presentations, the meeting and election of officers, discussions on the association’s direction, and the closing program.

The APSO Conference is organized to provide members with opportunities to discuss educational leadership, school governance, curriculum, and institutional management. It also serves as a venue to share practices, conduct organizational meetings, and address matters concerning Philippine schools overseas.