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## CHARTING EDUCATIONAL HORIZONS: PSD ACADEMIC HEADS ATTEND APSO CONVENTION FOR CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION

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**PSD Academic Heads with ASEC. of Deped Operations, Francis Cesar Bringas and APSO President, Dr. Alexander S. Acosta at the 7th APSO Convention**

In a proactive move towards ensuring the effective implementation of the MATATAG curriculum, school heads and representatives from various Philippine schools overseas convened at the prestigious 7th Association of Philippine Schools Overseas (APSO) Convention. With the theme: *Contextualizing the MATATAG Curriculum for Philippine Schools Overseas*, the convention was held in Asiana Grand Hotel in Dubai, United Arab Emirates on February 22-26, 2024, and was hosted by the Philippine School-Dubai.



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In a testament to PSD's commitment to academic excellence and continuous improvement, the academic heads were sent to attend the educational convention geared towards readiness and preparation for the implementation of the MATATAG curriculum. Dr. Nida H. Garcia (Vice Principal of the Preschool Department), Dr. Cleofe P. Macaraeg (Vice Principal of Primary Department), Dr. Wilgie Mae T. Serna (Vice Principal of Intermediate Department), Dr. Caridad A. Cañete (Vice Principal of Junior High School Department), Dr. Noemi F. Formaran (Vice Principal of Senior High School Department), and Dr. Julie Ann B. Real (QAAD Curriculum Specialist) were sent to participate in the educational convention.



The PSD delegates at the 7th APSO Convention





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The 7th APSO convention serves as a crucial platform for school leaders and academic heads to gain insights, and equip themselves with the necessary tools to effectively navigate the transition to the new curriculum.



**Dr. Alexander Acosta, the APSO President, delivers his opening remarks.**



**DepEd Asec. Francis Cesar Bringas at the 7th APSO Convention gives his keynote speech.**



**The delegates at the 7th APSO Convention listen to the message shared by Asec. Bringas.**



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The 7th APSO convention was marked by the presence of esteemed individuals. Among the dignitaries was the Philippine Ambassador to the UAE, H.E. Alfonso Ferdinand A. Ver, who delivered an inspiring message to all delegates. Emphasizing the competitiveness of Filipinos on the global stage, he highlighted the current trend of significant advancements in technology and artificial intelligence. He concluded his message delivered in Filipino: *“Patuloy na magsumikap sa mga bata at sa buong bansa. Nang sagayo’y maisakatuparan ang batang makabansa at bansang makabata”*.



**H.E. Alfonso Ferdinand A. Ver,  
Philippine Ambassador to the UAE,  
gives his message to the APSO  
delegates.**



**Dr. Alexander S. Acosta,  
President of APSO, gives the  
certificate to the honorable  
speakers.**



**PSD delegates seize a photo opportunity with the  
honorable guest speakers.**



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With education at the forefront, renowned educational gurus engaged in insightful discussions aimed at contextualizing the MATATAG curriculum.



**Dr. Bert J. Tuga,**  
President of Philippine  
Normal University,  
discusses the topic on  
giving support to  
teachers to teach better.



**Dr. Jerome T. Buenviaje,**  
Dean of College of  
Education at UP Diliman,  
highlights the role of  
school leaders.



**Dr. Filomina T. Dayagbil,**  
former president of Cebu  
Normal University, delves  
into the realm of glocalizing  
the MATATAG curriculum  
for global competitiveness.



**Dr. Neth Penetrante,**  
Director of CYWTAC,  
emphasizes socio-  
emotional learning,  
underscoring the heart of  
individual and universal  
transformation.



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**Captured moment from the convention:  
PSD 's commitment to giving quality education**

The APSO convention served as a rallying point for delegates, igniting a shared commitment to delivering quality education through the implementation of the MATATAG curriculum, which aims to:

**MAke** the curriculum relevant to produce job-ready, active, and responsible citizens;

**TAke** steps to accelerate the delivery of basic education services and provision facilities;

**TAke** good care of learners by promoting learner well-being, inclusiveness learning, and positive learning environment; and

**Give** support for teachers to teach better.



**APSO delegates gather for a group picture at TPS-Dubai,  
symbolizing the unity and collaboration that defined the convention.**

**Among the highlights on the last day of convention were the awarding of certificates to participants, recognizing their active engagement and contribution throughout the event.**

**Additionally, a noteworthy moment ensued with the presentation of Certificate of Bequeathal to Future Generation Philippine International School, signifying the passing of hosting for next year's convention, marking a poignant conclusion to the event.**