

PHILIPPINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION



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The Philippine Medical Association was founded in 1903. It comprised of more than 60,000 members in 17 regions all over the country, 118 component societies, 8 specialty divisions 74 subspecialty societies and 34 affiliate societies.

The theme for the current administration is “Nagkakaisang Manggagamot Tungo sa Kalusugang Pangkalahatan” (Doctors United Towards Universal Health Care).

Last May 15–18, 2012 during the 105th PMA Annual Convention and Scientific Meeting held at the EDSA Shangri-la Hotel, the new PMA President Dr. Modesto O. Llamas, Vice President Dr. Leo O. Olarte, National Treasurer Dr. Albert C. Guevarra, Secretary General Dr. Marianne O. Dobles along with the 17 Regional Governors were installed as National Officers of PMA for the Year 2012–2013.

One of the highlights of the Convention is the hosting of 15th MASEAN Conference wherein yours truly was installed as MASEAN Chairman for 2012–2014.

The following are some of the activities of the PMA:

109th PMA Foundation Day, September 15, 2012

All PMA Former Presidents were honored PMA National Medicine Week, September 23–29, 2012

PMA National Elections, March 10, 2013

PMA 106th Annual Convention, May 14–17, 2013

PMA Advocacies:

PMA spearheaded the multisectoral campaign against smoking

PMA supports Philippine Clean Air Act Law and helps in its implementations

PMA supports Breastfeeding Program

PMA is actively involved in the passing of the Sin Tax Bill in the Philippine Congress

PMA supports the Reproductive Health Bill and Responsible Parenthood but rejects abortion and harmful contraceptives

PMA supports its Members:

Provided calamity and disaster assistance to victims of Monsoon Rains and Typhoons rendering free clinics with medicines and relief goods

Increased Mutual Aid Benefits to the members (Legal Assistance, Death and Disability Benefits)

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