

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

Our induction officer and guest of honor DR. Jocelyn Yambao, the current PPS President, PPSA Vice president Dr. Vivtor Doctor, honorable congressmen and governors, provincial health officers, presidents of the different medical organizations and societies, non government organization, council chairs, fellow pediatricians, my family and relatives, our friends from Abbot Nutritional, ladies and gentlemen. Good afternoon.

First of all I would like to thank the God almighty for this momentous event and the new set of officers who will be carrying with me the torch of the organization, to our friends from Abbott for their generosity, to our guests including my family, relatives and friends and to the over all chair of this event Dr. Riz Gonzales and her assistants Dr. Kity Miranda and Dr. Wajee Naval for making this event a reality.

Nearly 12 years ago have gone by since I became a member of this society. I just finish my pediatric cardiology training and my first task was as chair of the research paper presentation when the PPS STC hosted the PPS Midyear Convention in Tagaytay City. It never occurred to me that one day I would be at the helm of the organization.

Two years ago, I was elected Vice-President in absencia during the meeting of the board. I accepted it with some hesitation and trepidation, knowing that two years later I would be president and I would have to spend a lot of time and energy performing the function of a head of an organization. I knew that this quality time taken away from my family and also from my private practice. For this, I ask and beg for the understanding and patience of my wife and son EJ. I would like to offer my presidency to God almighty, to my late grandfather and parents who always motivated me to serve, to my family and the PPS.

Today it is with deep humility and great honor that I accept the presidency of the PPS Southern Tagalog Chapter covering the provinces of region IV-A (Cavite Laguna Batangas and Quezon) and region IV B the island provinces of Mindoro Occidental Mindoro Oriental Marinduque Romblon and

Palawan with a general membership of 288, the largest chapter in the Philippines in terms of membership. And based on the PMA data, the PPS is the largest of the accredited organization with a general membership of more 3500. Being the 15th president, and the 4th alumnus of the De La Salle College of Medicine and the first from the pediatric residency training graduates of the Perpetual Help Medical Center to assume this position) I'm humbled by the trust and the confidence of my fellow pediatricians. With that trust comes a duty to serve, and I will do my best to fulfill that duty as your President.

The present officers and board will focus its activities in line with societys vision and mission.

The society s vision to be an organization of dedicated and committed pediatricians who are efficient catalysts to the conceptualization and implementation of relevant child health programs, zealous advocates of the child's rights and priveleges through effective linkages with its members and the community.

The society's mission to be an outstanding organization of competent, dedicated and effective child health advocates of Region IV who are constantly sensitive to the dynamic changes of society.

Sustain effective and efficient provision and utilization of resources to provide the following services through technology enabled modalities.

1. Continuing Medical Education
2. Child Advocacy Program
3. Community Services and Environmental Protection
4. Administrative Concerns

This year theme is “Kapit Kamay Para sa Kinabukasan ng Kabataan” is aimed to join forces with government and non government organizations, Department of Health, Department of Education, other medical societies and organization and subspecialty societies for the attainment of our mission vision.

Also aligned with the vision of the World health Organization to implement it Millenium Development Goals specifically its 4rth provision which is to reduce the infant and child mortality by 2/3 up to 2015 and the fifth

provision which is to reduce the maternal mortality PPS STC will join the multisectoral initiative to achieve this gigantic task and endeavor.

Let me walk you through to our plans:

For the continuing medical education:

We will conduct monthly scientific meetings based on the DOH calendar and we will be hold it in different areas including island provinces.

We will invite medical organizations, subspecialty societies to hold convenions and scientific meetings in our region. We are proud to say that there are many venues in our region capable of handling state of the art scientific gathering and meetings.

We will increase the number of basic and advance life support trainings for our members, residents and other allied health professionals so that more lives will be saved and decrease the morbidity and mortality.

We will encourage and motivate more residents from the 4 PPS Accredited hospitals to undergo fellowship training in order to increase the subspecialists in the region. To date we have only 5 pediatric cardiologist, one pediatric gastroenterologist and 1 endrocrinologist in the region and we have no geneticist.

We will continue to co-sponsor post graduates courses of teaching institutions and training hospitals.

If the mother society will allow us and with proper financial resources, we plan to hold a PPS mid year convention next year, a year prior to the Ruby anniversary.

Likewise we will be strict with the CME units of our members to encourage them to attend the scientific meeting and to be able to be maintain good standing

Child Advocacy Program and Community Service

A flagship project of this administration is to form a subspecialty committee. And each subspecialty will create a project that will benefit the children be it in the preventive aspect thru lectures and lay fora, screening and curative aspect. This will be chaired Dr. Francia of Quezon and there will co-chair from each subspecialty

Another flagship project is the formation of a child protection committee to take care and handle abused children. We have two centers in the region, one in Dasmarinas Cavite called Bahay Tuluyan and another one in Calauan Laguna which houses and rehabilitate sexually abused children. The Dept of Pediatrics of the De La Salle university will put up a child protection unit this year.

To further reach the grassroots level, currently we have a one hour Radio program every Thursday 8 to 9am entitled Health Talk at 92.5 FM Manila Broadcasting Company

We plan to create modules on Overseas Filipino Workers and today's Kids and Effects Global warming on children's health

We will have bulilit health workers training in Quezon and Laguna and the graduates of the training empower the kids and serve as little doctors in the community

We will continue to implement the Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses, disaster assistance. During the typhoid outbreak in Calamba Laguna the PPS played an active role and we commend Dr. Naval and Dr. Heredia for their active participation.

We hope to do rheumatic fever screening and give lay fora on acquire Heart diseases. We will coordinate with the Foundation for Lay Education On the Prevention on Heart Disease to hold more lay fora in the region.

We will actively participate in community works and projects of the Missions Outpour Blessing Foundation and provincial health office of each province

Council on Research

Hopefully a multicenter research which was initially planned last year will be a dream come true this year.

We will continue the publication of the PPS Newsletter quarterly

We will hold more research workshops for residents and consultants

We will co-sponsor research contests and we will encourage our diplomates and fellow to do more researches

We will continue to participate in research contests locally and abroad

Administrative council

We are a fast growing chapter with 288 members, the biggest in the Philippines and by the end of tonight's activity we will be 300 with the addition of 12 new members but its unfortunate that only half are active.

We will review each members attendance in scientific meetings and annual business meeting and arrears and the delinquents will be purge from the roster of members.

We hope that by next year July, 2009 we will have our PPS STC office which we will call Our Home at Canyon Ranch Carmona Cavite.

Currently we are paying P22,000 a month until May 2009 with a final payment of P700,000 on June 2008. In the last general assembly meeting last April 15 it was agreed that each member will pay P2500 as mutual fund and those who have not paid last year will have to dole out P5000.

Ladies and gentlemen, my fellow pediatricians the task is heavy.

To my fellow officers I hope and pray that the enthusiasm to serve will remain at its peak and lets be role models to our members. In serving, we recognize a simple but powerful truth, we need each other. And we must care for one another and we must care for the children.

To my fellow pediatricians, let us begin with energy and hope, with faith and discipline, and let us work until our work is done. Lets be active not only in attending the CME activities and paying the annual dues and mutual

fund, the proper term is VOLUNTEERISM. I appeal for your voluntary participation in our community works and child advocacy programs and I am positive that this will make our life meaningful and this will have a great impact in the community.

To the heads of other government and non government organizations, president of medical societies and organizations, provincial health officers lets act together and I positive we will reap the fruits of our hard work and I believe that as we join hands, strengthen forces, share resources there is indeed hope for a brighter tomorrow for the children of today.

The scripture says, "And let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season, we shall reap, if we faint not."

Mabuhay ang PPS!!! mabuhay tayong lahat!!!

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