

# 1<sup>st</sup> PHILIPPINE SALT CONGRESS

THEME: RECOGNIZING THE SALT INDUSTRY TOWARDS A SALT-SUFFICIENT PHILIPPINES



## *Welcome*

### TO THE 1<sup>st</sup> PHILIPPINE SALT CONGRESS 2022!

The salt industry underpins many sectors of the Philippine economy from food manufacturing, chemicals, metals, textiles, pharmaceuticals, etc. Despite its importance, modernization of the salt industry has not taken place. As a result, the salt production continues to decline over the years resulting to the decrease in income, employment and the local production share.

The decline in yield and quality of Philippine salt is primarily due to the lack of innovation in the industry as reflected by old technologies and traditional production processes that are still in practice. Further aggravating the scenario is the minimal intervention by government and private institutions through policy and financial support. As such, the once thriving industry has been relegated into mere country-side small scale industry.

To ignite the wheel of innovation that will revive the salt production and transform it into a 21st century industry, the Pangasinan State University undertakes the organization of the very 1st Philippine Salt Congress. The event will serve as a hallmark of the University's leadership in the development of salt processing and management through quality research, extension and innovation programs and will put the salt industry back on the map towards national recognition. The affair will put current researches and technological developments on salt production into the limelight and will provide avenue for various stakeholders to collaborate towards a productive, innovative, competitive and resilient Philippine Salt Industry.

To save the industry, SUCs of the ten salt – producing provinces across the country were tapped for collaboration and possible partnership. The Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University, Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College and Mariano Marcos State University were visited in region 1. The REIGn team also wandered far and wide region 3 and discoursed with Bataan Peninsula State University and President Ramon Magsaysay State University. Regions 4B and Region 6 particularly Occidental Mindoro State College, Marinduque State College, Palawan State University and University of Antique also opened their doors and warmly welcomed the discussion on salt-related initiatives. Identified LGUs and NGAs from the aforementioned regions likewise expressed their confidence and support that it is high time that the salt industry takes back its rightful place.

The conduct of the very first Philippine Salt Congress will certainly be a viable avenue to seal future collaborations and partnerships- recognizing the salt industry towards a salt-sufficient Philippines.

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## PROGRAMME November 26, 2022

**Sison Auditorium - Capitol Complex**

<b>8:00 - 8:30</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>8:30 - 8:35</b>	<b>Invocation</b> Salt of the Earth Prayer, Matthew 5:13
<b>8:35 - 8:50</b>	<b>National Anthem</b> <b>Pangasinan Hymn</b> <b>University Hymn</b>
<b>8:50 - 9:00</b>	<b>Acknowledgment of Participants and Guests</b> Prof. Francis Albert T. Argente Director for Extension Services, PSU
<b>9:00 - 9:10</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Hon. Ramon "Mon-Mon" Guico III Governor, Province of Pangasinan
<b>9:10 - 9:20</b>	<b>Introduction of the Keynote Speaker</b> Dr. Dexter R. Buted University President, PSU
<b>9:20 - 9:40</b>	<b>Keynote Speech</b> His Excellency Hon. Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. President, Republic of the Philippines
<b>9:40 - 9:50</b>	<b>Unveiling of Salt Exhibit</b> His Excellency Hon. Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. President, Republic of the Philippines
<b>9:50 - 10:05</b>	<b>Break and Presentation of TAMACO AVP</b>
<b>10:05 - 10:30</b>	<b>Presentation: Overview of the Salt Industry</b> Dr. Paulo V. Cenas Vice President for REIGn, PSU
<b>10:30 - 11:00</b>	<b>PhilAsin Roadmap Presentation</b> Mr. Gerard Khonghun President, PhilAsin
<b>11:00 - 11:20</b>	<b>Presentation of House Bill No. 1976</b> Hon. Ron P. Salo Representative, KABAYAN Partylist

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**11:20 - 11:40**

## **Presentation of House Bill No. 5676**

Hon. Wilbert T. Lee  
Representative, AGRI Partylist

**11:40 -12:00**

## **Presentation of Senate Bill No. 1334**

Sen. Cynthia A. Villar  
Chairperson, Senate Committees on Environment and Agriculture

**12:00 - 1:00**

## **Lunch Break**

**1:00 - 1:20**

## **Media Forum**

**1:20 -1:40**

## **Comments/Reactions on the PhilAsin Roadmap and Salt Legislative Bills**

**1:40 - 2:40**

## **Statements of Support from Partner Institutions, Government Agencies and Legislators**

### **Partner Institutions and Agencies of the Government**

- DTI
- NEDA
- PCCI
- PhilAsin
- DENR
- DA Region I / BFAR
- PHRC
- PCA
- DOLE
- DOST
- PSU / State Universities and Colleges
- DAR
- DOH
- CAFPI
- Sen. Lorna Regina "Loren" B. Legarda
- Sen. Maria Imelda Josefa Remedios "Imee" R. Marcos
- Sen. Francis Joseph "Chiz" G. Escudero

**2:40 - 3:00**

## **Intermission and Break**

**3:00 - 3:20**

## **Presentation of the Draft Salt Congress Resolution**

### **Supporting the Immediate Passage of House Bill No. 1976**

**3:20 - 3:40**

## **Adoption of the Salt Congress Resolution and Ceremonial Signing by Partner Institutions, Government Agencies and Legislators**

**3:40 - 3:45**

## **Presentation of the Salt Congress Resolution to Speaker Martin Romualdez & Sen. Cynthia A. Villar**

**3:45 - 4:10**

## **Acceptance and Response of Speaker Martin Romualdez & Sen. Cynthia A. Villar**

**4:10 - Onwards**

## **Photo Opportunity**

**End of Day 1**

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## PROGRAMME November 27, 2022

PSU- Dr. Telesforo N. Boquiren Convention Center

<b>7:30 - 8:30</b>	<b>Registration / Assembly</b>
<b>8:30 - 8:40</b>	<b>Prayer and Other Preliminaries</b>
<b>8:40 - 8:50</b>	<b>Introduction of the First Plenary Speaker</b> Engr. Quincy Jones Bundal Center Head, PSU-STIC
<b>8:50 - 9:20</b>	<b>Plenary Talk</b> Dr. Mohamad Zaki Mahasin Director Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Indonesia
<b>9:20 - 9:30</b>	<b>Introduction of the Second Plenary Speaker</b> Dr. Larry A. Santos Director for Research, PSU
<b>9:30 - 10:00</b>	<b>Plenary Talk</b> Dr. Annabelle V. Briones Director DOST-Industrial Technology Development Institute
<b>10:00 - 10:15</b>	<b>Open Forum</b>
<b>10:15 - 10:30</b>	<b>Health Break</b>
<b>10:30 - 12:00</b>	<b>Parallel Sessions for Research Presentation</b>
<b>12:00 - 1:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>1:00 - 4:00</b>	<b>Continuation of Research Presentations</b>
<b>4:00 - 4:20</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>4:20 - 5:00</b>	<b>Closing Program and Announcement of Winners</b>
<b>5:00 - Onwards</b>	<b>Travel Back Home</b>

**End of Day 2**