



Looking Inward

Much reflection was spent on how this year should be remembered. Direction was established by our past presidents and I look to the same horizon. The world at our periphery is also changing, hurrying along the pace of necessity more urgently than ever. We entered the year with a deluge of surrounding agencies demanding attention followed by frenetic efforts to respond to each and every one of them on time, every time. That was when I realized that to go forward, we must pause and look inward. To reassess our resources, realign to the same goals and build greater commitment for a healthier future. This year, the PSO-HNS will strengthen the pillars of its own home constitutionally and administratively. We reach out to fellows in a spirit of community and togetherness. We strengthen the intellectual foundations that we have built upon for training, research, advocacies and continuing education.

The PJO-HNS is a crucial part of this development. Through the irreplaceable leadership of Dr. Jose Florencio Lapeña as Editor-In-Chief, Dr. Erasmo Llanes and the Associate Editors, the PJO-HNS enjoys international recognition and respect. Much more can be done and with continued efforts, we expect the PJO-HNS to soar to greater heights.

It is a humbling experience to come after the heels of great mentors in ORL, and often recall the sacrifices and bravery of the 9 who started this all. Every leader thereafter has left a mark; the road by which every single otorhinolaryngologist uses for guidance. Though we may not always realize it, our lives have been partially led to where it is by the service of many individual ORL colleagues. At the conclusion of this year, I pray that the mark we leave will be for the good of all.

Mabuhay ang PJO-HNS! Mabuhay ang PSO-HNS!

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