



Greetings!

Warm congratulations to the Editorial Board of the Philippine Journal of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery (PJO-HNS), headed by Dr. Jose Florencio Lapeña, on the publication of this issue. The Philippine Society of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (PSO-HNS) is proud to have such an eminent team curating and reviewing research articles from specialists from all over the world in order to provide the PSO-HNS Fellows and the wider medical community with information essential to the practice of ORL-HNS.

The primary purpose of the PSO-HNS is to engage in the promotion of the welfare, training, and scientific advancement of ORL-HNS in the Philippines; in particular (among many other objectives): to develop programs to promote the exchange of scientific information among members, and to encourage, support and institute publication of scientific ORL-HNS literature for national and international consumption. Considering the journal that you are currently reading, I declare success in achieving these objectives.

Our Society has been growing and evolving through the years, and the PJO-HNS is proof that PSO-HNS is now more than just a social organization. We are a force for good of ORL-HNS practice and optimum patient welfare. If we are to continue taking the best care of our patients, we must practice evidence-based medicine, and research will be the bedrock on which we build.

I leave you with my life verse for this year. From Galatians 6:9 (NIV): "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Let us continue doing good for each Fellow, for the PSO-HNS as a whole, and for the Filipino people who need our care. May you be inspired to do good, to do research, and to do good research as you read this issue.

His Blessings!

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