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Dear colleagues and friends,

Warm greetings from the Philippine Society of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery.

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the second issue of the Philippine Journal of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery for 2026. Each issue is a reminder that our specialty moves forward through curiosity, careful study and the willingness to share what we learn.

The work presented in these pages reflects the commitment of our authors, reviewers, editors and readers to strengthen the practice of ORL–HNS. Research does more than answer questions. It helps us improve decisions, refine patient care and pass on a stronger foundation to the next generation of specialists.

As the PSO-HNS celebrates its Platinum Year and 70 years of leadership in ENT excellence, we honor the people and ideas that have shaped our Society. We also look ahead. A lasting legacy depends on continuing to ask meaningful questions, producing sound evidence and making Filipino scholarship visible and relevant to the global community.

May this issue encourage us to keep learning, collaborating and contributing to the advancement of our specialty.

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With pride in our shared work and confidence in the future of ORL–HNS,

PSO-HNS *Matatag, Malakas, Mahalin Natin*!

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