

## Returning to What was Essentially Good – Welcome back PHILIPPINE SCIENCE LETTERS!

In February 2015, with great enthusiasm we re-launched Philippine Science Letters ([PSL](#)) as the International Journal of Philippine Science and Technology ([IJPST](#) or [PhilSciTech](#)) with major support from USAID STRIDE.

PhilSciTech continued to pursue PSL's objectives, and further, aimed to function as a capacity building instrument of international standing. We wished to cover a broader spectrum of science and technology (S&T) research relevant to the Philippines, featuring work by up-and-coming Philippine researchers, and also hoped to attract international contributions. We wanted to encourage engagement by industry and end users, recognizing the need to see more Philippine science and technology supporting inclusive economic growth for the nation. Aside from scientific articles, we published capstone and white papers, commentaries, popular science articles, and we generated interest from the general public who followed our articles through Twitter and Facebook.

However, with PhilSciTech operating for nearly two years, we obtained feedback from local researchers who expressed a strong preference for the journal name PSL and for PSL's more formal scientific format and original home page design. And so we have courageously decided that beginning February 2017, PhilSciTech will cease to exist and will revert back to PSL!

To all our authors and readers, let us welcome back what was essentially good to begin with - PHILIPPINE SCIENCE LETTERS – this time, with improvements implemented in PhilSciTech that we will carry over to PSL! For this, we will continue to enjoy enthusiastic, valuable support from USAID STRIDE.

The peer-reviewed journal PHILIPPINE SCIENCE LETTERS, which is ISI-listed under Zoological Records, officially returns to the on-line publication scene with Volume 10, Issue No. 1, February – June 2017, immediately featuring **five** articles.

We encourage you to submit full-length articles on your original research and we will no longer accept short communications. Experts in the field will be invited to submit review articles. Academic, government and industry leaders and S&T education and R&D advocates are welcome to submit white papers, position papers, capstone papers, letters to the editor and popular

science articles. Feature articles will be written about outstanding scientists, technologists, and important news and events.

Always, we are open to suggestions for how we can produce a more stimulating, interesting and high quality journal that aids in promoting growth and expansion in Philippine S&T research. We will continue to publicize all articles through social media to help accelerate S&T interest and literacy in the country.

We thank the PhilSciTech management team for their dedicated work, and we invite the PhilSciTech editorial board members who willingly served as editors-in-charge and reviewers of manuscripts to continue serving as editorial board members of PSL.

Most of all, we are grateful to our researchers who trusted us with their manuscripts, patiently awaited the reviewers' comments, and rejoiced with us when their manuscripts were finally published in PhilSciTech. A link to the PhilSciTech website will be provided in the PSL website. We encourage you to continue submitting articles to PSL.

Thank you.

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