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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Office of the Secretary



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FOR: ALL UNDERSECRETARIES AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES; DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS, SERVICES AND CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF HOSPITALS, SPECIALTY HOSPITALS, CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS, SANITARIA, AND ALL TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTERS, INSTITUTES AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT: 29th Congress of the Asian Pacific Society of Respirology (APSR) on November 10-13, 2025

The Asian Pacific Society of Respirology (APSR) will be holding its 29th Congress with the theme “Solidarity in Lung Health” on November 10-13, 2025 at the SMX Convention Center, Manila.

In accordance with the Department Order No. 2007-0053, attendance to this activity of concerned **DOH Physicians** shall be on:

A. Official Business

- (1) When the DOH employee is a presenter/discussant, facilitator, moderator, or panelist. As such, the registration/enrolment fees, per diems, and traveling and other incidental expenses, shall be borne by the sending office; or
- (2) When attendance/participation to the activity is related to performance of job functions or related to the practice of his/her profession, or the Learning and Development Intervention (LDI) is identified in the employee’s Learning and Development Plan (LDP); and
- (3) **Subject to the office’s availability of funds.**

B. Official Time when the DOH employee (whether presenter/discussant, facilitator, moderator, panelist, or participant) is duly funded through sponsorships by development partners or local partners in health. For participants, the activity should be relevant to the performance of job functions or related to the practice of his/her profession, and the LDI is identified in the employee’s LDP.

Additionally, attendees must be authorized by their respective Directors or Office Heads, through an appropriate Personnel Order.

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All other transactions shall be in accordance with the following issuances:

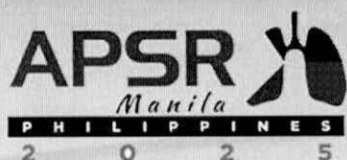
- (1) Administrative Order (AO) No. 2021-0007, entitled "Guidelines on the Integrated Learning and Development Management System of the Department of Health (DOH)"; and
- (2) Department Order (DO) No. 2014-0094, entitled "Guidelines on the Allowable Rates of Payment for Human Resource Development Activities."

Attached is the invitation letter for your ready reference.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:


MAYLENE M. BELTRAN, MPA, CESO III
Assistant Secretary of Health



29th Congress of the Asian Pacific
Society of Respiriology
November 10-13, 2025



13 May 2025

Teodoro "Ted" J. Herbosa, MD FPCS, FPCEP – PCEM

Secretary

Department of Health

Republic of the Philippines

Thru: **Undersecretary Mary Ann Palermo-Maestral, MD**

Cluster Lead, Public Health Services (PHSC)

Head, UHC Health Services Cluster (UHS-HSC), Area II and Area III

Dear Secretary Herbosa:

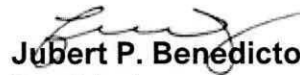
The Philippine College of Chest Physicians (PCCP) will be hosting the 2025 congress of the Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology (APSR) this November 10-13, 2025 at the SMX Convention Center. With its theme of *Solidarity in Lung Health*, this meeting will assemble regional and global leaders and experts in respiratory medicine and also showcase our local accomplishments and highlight key initiatives in relation to lung health and diseases. Certainly, this gathering is a not-to-be-missed event! Aside from relevant updates and concise reviews, this will be an ideal opportunity for research and knowledge exchange and networking with target stakeholders.

As a follow up to your advice during your dialogue with the Board of Trustees (BOT) of the PCCP last April 10, we would like to extend our invitation to the medical and paramedical members of the Department of Health (DOH). We are also hoping for the department to allot budget for your constituents that may defray their conference expenses including the registration fee. Since this is an international congress, we would like to assure you that the local organizing committee extended all efforts to provide reduced rate for government employees that had to be in compliance with the standards set by the Central Committee of the APSR. Attached are the approved rates for this congress.

We look forward to a good number of participants representing the government sector of healthcare from the DOH. We firmly believe that this will be a pivotal event in the engagement of our counterparts in the Asia Pacific region in the arena of lung health!

Thank you very much for your attention and anticipated support.

Truly yours,



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President

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Vice President, Local Congress Committee

29th Congress of the Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology



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For Philippine prospective delegates (APSR 2025 Congress, November 10-13, 2025)

| APSR Membership Category | Description | APSR Membership Fee | APSR Congress Registration Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| PCCP – APSR member | FPCCP who are incumbent APSR members | USD 20 (payment thru PCCP) | USD 455 |
| PCCP – Non APSR Member | FPCCP who are not yet a member of APSR; membership to APSR is encouraged for them to avail of registration fee discounted rate | USD 20; application thru PCCP. | If accepted as APSR Member, USD 455 will apply. |
| Associate Members (endorsed by PCCP) | Diplomates, Fellows-in-Training, PCCP-eligible members, Residents-in-Training, government physicians , Nurses, Respiratory Therapists, allied health worker, physiotherapist, occupational therapist, dietitian, speech therapist, pharmacist, scientific or medical technician, clinical research professional. | USD 15 Payment; application thru PCCP. | USD 200 |
| PCCP APSR or non-APSR Members classified as RETIREE | PCCP APSR or non-APSR Members who are 70 years and above. | USD 15 Payment; application thru PCCP. | USD 200 |
| APSR Undergraduate Student | Full time students of medical, nursing and related science degrees. | USD 10 Payment; application thru PCCP. | USD 150 |
| Non-APSR Members | No membership with APSR. | None | USD 525 |