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**NATIONAL CONGRESS ON BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE: HARNESSING ICTS FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, A CHALLENGE FOR INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS**

To: Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. The Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI) and the National Committee for Culture and the Arts – National Committee on Libraries and Information Services (NCCA-NCLIS) will conduct the National Congress on Bridging the Digital Divide: Harnessing ICTs for National Development, A Challenge for Information Professionals on November 26-28, 2003 at the Manila Pavilion, United Nations Avenue corner Maria Orosa St., Ermita, Manila.

2. The congress aims to:

- a. provide participants an opportunity to gain greater and deeper knowledge of developments and potential of ICTs as instruments for achieving sustainable national development;
- b. broaden perspectives to encourage proactive involvement in efforts to utilize ICTs to achieve national development;
- c. provide a venue for opening channels of communications for continuous dialogues with policy and decision makers, and stakeholders; and
- d. formulate a policy statement that acknowledges the significant roles of libraries, archives and museums.

3. The participants to this activity are librarians, information specialists, knowledge managers, administrators, teachers and students of library and information science, and friends of libraries, archives and museums. Public school participants are allowed to attend **on official time only**. Those coming from private institutions may make financial arrangements with their respective administrators.

4. The congress fees include seminar kit, handouts, certificates, snacks and lunch. Below is the breakdown of the congress fees to be charged each participant:

For live-in participants -	Php 5,400.00 with breakfast (2 nights and 3 days accommodation)
For live-in participants -	Php 4,700.00 (2 nights and 3 days accommodation)
For live-out participants -	Php 3,700.00
Fellowship Dinner (November 28 2003) -	Php 500.00 ☞

5. For more information, please contact Ms. Maria Fe S. Abeleda-Robles at tel. no. 931-5966, fax no. 931-5566, e-mail [conglib-bureau-hor@yahoo.com](mailto:conglib-bureau-hor@yahoo.com); Ms. Linda Tayoma at tel no. 302-7717, e-mail [lintayona@yahoo.com](mailto:lintayona@yahoo.com); Ms. Emma M. Rey at tel. no. 931-5468, fax. No. 951-4322, e-mail [emmamrey@hotmail.com](mailto:emmamrey@hotmail.com); Ms. Fe Abelardo at tel. no. 525-0926, e-mail [feabelardo@yahoo.com](mailto:feabelardo@yahoo.com) and Lilia Echiverri at tel. no. 434-9535, fax no. 929-2180, e-mail [lilia.echiverri@up.edu.ph](mailto:lilia.echiverri@up.edu.ph)

6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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