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**TO :** THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY

**FROM :** OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

**RE :** INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF BASIC SCIENCES FOR  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (IYBSSD) 2022

**DATE :** 27 SEPTEMBER 2022

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On 2 December 2021, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the resolution proclaiming the year 2022 as the International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development (IYBSSD). Organized by UNESCO, the year-long run of IYBSSD, which opened in Paris, France on 9 July 2022, is supported by major scientific organizations all over the world.

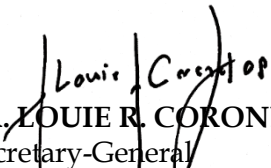
The University of Santo Tomas (UST) has signed an agreement of support to be part of its International Advisory Committee, composed of various national science academies and global scientific networks. Such a move is to strengthen the role of basic sciences, all over the world, toward the achievement of Agenda 2030 and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. UST will co-advise the development of the international program that will set its activities at the regional and national levels.

The University, through the **UST College of Science and National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP)**, will jointly launch a **hybrid celebration of the IYBSSD on 7 October 2022 (Friday)**, from **8:00 am to 12:00 nn** at the **Dr. Robert C. Sy Grand Ballroom of the Paredes Building**.

It will feature a virtual keynote speech from Michel Spiro, Ph.D., President of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics. A roundtable discussion with National Scientist Lourdes J. Cruz, Ph.D., along with other notable figures in research and science such as Ephrime B. Metillo, Ph.D., Jaime C. Montoya, M.D., Marc Eric S. Reyes, Ph.D., and Rosalie Alcala-Hall, Ph.D. will also take place.

Let us look forward to this event as we take a proactive stance in attaining a sustainable future through the basic sciences.

Thank you.

  
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Secretary-General