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**MESSAGE**



Warmest greetings to the officers and members of the **Philippine Society of Geriatric Medicine (PSGM)** as you hold your *8<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention* and *3<sup>rd</sup> Okinawa International Conference* in partnership with the **Okinawa Gerontology Institute**.

The 21<sup>st</sup> century has brought many challenges to our society, and I am glad that the PSGM is there to give medical assistance and services to the elderly. Your theme, "*Moving Elderly Care in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*," shows your willingness to enhance healthcare and medical services for the older generation.

Through your continuing education, research, and healthcare trainings, you provide your members with advanced knowledge and skills needed in the practice of geriatric medicine. And all this indeed can only redound to the greater good.

May you have a successful gathering. *Mabuhay!*

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