



Symposium on  
"Effective Governance and Digital Transformation for Building Back Better and  
Accelerating the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development"

Commemorative Message of  
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It is my utmost honor and privilege to share this space with you as you hold the 5<sup>th</sup> Regional Symposium on “Effective Public Governance and Digital Transformation for Building Back Better”, a flagship event that hopes to scrutinize future trends and learn new approaches in order to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Not only does this speak of a continuing engagement, but also a long-term commitment to promote innovation and intergenerational equity.

In pursuit of this vision, the Philippine Society for Public Administration, along with other institutions for public administration here in the country and in Asia such as the Asian Association of Public Administration, the Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration, and DAP Graduate School gladly commemorate the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Nations Project Office on Governance. We stand with you as one community that strengthens public governance capacities needed by organizations today.

To recall, over the past years, UNPOG has been our valued partner institution that focuses on the advancement of capacity development programmes towards good governance here in the Philippines. This partnership has been very beneficial for the Public Administration and Governance Community and academic organizations as well as to individual scholars and practitioners within and outside the network of PSPA.

We are truly grateful that we have the leverage to continue and strengthen this collaboration with UNPOG since 2017 especially our participation in UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration (UN CEPA) in 2019 under the leadership of Dr. Alex Brillantes, Jr. and with the recently concluded 2021 PSPA International Conference last October where Mr. Bokyun Shim, Head of UNPOG, and Mr. Keping Yao, Senior Governance and Public Administration Expert of UNPOG, generously shared their knowledge on effective public governance for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and digital data governance for data-centric government. With this, it is noteworthy to share that we support the realization of SDGs and likewise embedded it in our programs and public advocacy activities.

With this year's three-day regional symposium, we are confident that each participant will bring home new knowledge, and also new questions to ponder on with topic areas revolving around the critical issues on the role of public institutions in building resilient societies; open government data and digital data governance; social innovation; and digital transformation among others. As we venture forth in this knowledge co-creation activity, may we be pluralistic enough to explicitly recognize multiple ways of knowing and doing.

Once again, our sincerest congratulations to the United Nations Project Office on Governance for its outstanding work in the last 15 years. Indeed inspiring! Congratulations in advance for the success of the 5<sup>th</sup> Regional Symposium.

Mabuhay! Hiraya Manawari!