

EDITORIAL

As a multidisciplinary journal, The Palawan Scientist has been evolving across different research areas in sciences for more than a decade. As proof of its wide dissemination and comprehensive efforts in publishing relevant and timely research outputs, published papers have expanded from agriculture and fisheries to engineering technical papers. The journal gears towards partnerships seeking to relentlessly uphold and publish outputs of many experts and young researchers alike.

In this year's partnership with the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB), College of Engineering and Agro-industrial Technology (CEAT), the Palawan Scientist publishes its Special Issue containing selected research outputs presented during the 2nd International Conference of Engineering and Agro-industrial Technology (iCEAT). iCEAT is an annual event organized by CEAT UPLB which aims to provide avenue for exploration, discussion, recommendations and interconnectedness among leading experts, educators, policymakers, and industries on the latest trends, issues, and solutions for the field of engineering and agro-industrial technology.

This year, the iCEAT 2023 theme "*Materials and Processes for the New Normal: Sustainability, Innovation, and Opportunities*". iCEAT envisions to work in collaboration with stakeholders for a universal call to act towards the attainment of the sustainable development goals (SDGs) towards no poverty, zero hunger, clean water and sanitation, affordable and clean energy, industry, innovation and infrastructure, sustainable cities and communities, responsible consumption and production, and climate action. Despite experiencing community disruptions during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has opened doors to technological and engineering advancements, all forward to societal future-proofing and sustainability. Innovations opened many opportunities for providing solutions to critical challenges.

The Palawan Scientist continues to encourage both experts and young researchers to experience being known through their research work published in this journal. This peer-reviewed journal serves as a platform for disseminating and sharing relevant research outputs in various fields that will contribute to developing further projects towards meeting the needs of communities especially the poor, needy and marginalized sector.

I would like to commend all authors, the iCEAT Organizing Committee members, and the Palawan Scientist Editorial Board members and staff for this year's successful collaboration. May this effective collaboration between UPLB and The Palawan Scientist continues to prosper in the years to come.

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