

## 2018 PSAI ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**THEME: *EMERGING TRENDS IN STATISTICAL DEVELOPMENT***

**VENUE: Bohol**

**DATE: September 19-21, 2018**

The Philippine Statistical Association, Inc. (PSAI) is pleased to announce its 2018 Annual Conference which will be held at the Bohol Tropics Resort in Tagbilaran City on September 19-21, 2018 under the theme ***Emerging Trends in Statistical Development***. This is in solidarity with the collective effort of professional social science associations under the Philippine Social Science Council (PSSC) which will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary in commemoration of the legacies of the past decades in these changing times.

Treading on the crossroads of proposed changes in national and local governance, the Annual Conference shall prompt discussion on what the technology can bring. As such it is perceived to be widely responsive to a wide range of topics of current interest. In partnership with the Geodata Systems Technologies, and the Philippine Statistics Authority, the Annual Conference is seen as an opportunity to respond to the challenges posed by emerging technologies. The event shall also feature the Student Best Paper Competition now on its 3<sup>rd</sup> year which shall be undertaken with the support of the Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute (PSRTI).. There are four (4) parallel Training Courses on topics of current interest, e.g.:

- Spatial Statistics
- Infographics
- Descriptive and Exploratory Techniques on R
- Misconceptions in Statistics: For k-12

The Training and Conference are seen as the avenue that could bridge the divide separating generations of practitioners in the discipline.

*Emerging Trends in Statistical Development* encompass a number of topics that may include but may not be limited to open data, geographic information, big data, event triggered data, social media, data privacy, migration data, civil registration, cbms, and other administrative data. As a professional association, the PSAI believes that discussions on these and related topics could help bring about heightened awareness on the potentials of emerging technology vis-à-vis the vast data at the disposal of national and local development partners. Participation in the training and Conference will help both the practitioners and the uninitiated at the national and local levels to better appreciate and respond to the challenges and opportunities that used to be the enclave of data science enthusiasts.