MESSAGE

On behalf of the Loyola Schools, I would like to congratulate the Chinese Studies Program (CSP) on its 25th birth anniversary! I would also like to thank them for a quarter of a century’s work in educating our students on the different aspects of Chinese culture, history, language, art, and economics, among others.

Since Philippine society is a mixed one, composed of people from different ethnic origins, it is interesting how with a little curiosity and effort we can discover more about each other, or ourselves. For non-Chinese Filipinos, the CSP’s offerings have been windows into the Chinese soul. For Fil-Chinese, these offerings have deepened their awareness of their Chinese heritage and their sense of identity. In more practical terms, the CSP’s courses have equipped many students for careers in business, foreign service, and research.

I am looking forward to perusing this journal delightfully as the articles span a wide range of interests. I think that it, indeed, offers something for every reader and is a fitting way of celebrating the CSP’s first quarter of a century.

Again, I would like to extend my congratulations and best wishes to the CSP as well as to its staff. Let me acknowledge, with thanks, in particular the vision and guidance of its past and present directors—Atty. Lily K. Gruba, Dr. Manuel B. Dy, Dr. Richard T. Chu, Mr. Glenn Garfield O. Ang, Dr. Ellen H. Palanca, Fr. Aristotle C. Dy, S.J., Mr. Clark L. Alejandrino, and Ms. Daisy C. See. May the CSP continue to impart knowledge, develop expertise, provide insight, and bring together cultures and people for many more years to come.

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