



21 March 2019

**RE: RBAP 66th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION &
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Dear Fellow Rural Bankers,

Warm greetings form RBAP!

It is with pleasure that we invite you to the **66th Annual National Convention and General Membership Meeting on May 20-21, 2019 (Monday & Tuesday)** at the **Cordillera Convention Hall, Baguio Country Club, Baguio City.**

The Annual Convention is a national gathering of rural bank owners, directors, presidents, senior officers, key partners and other stakeholders to discuss policies, opportunities, and concerns in the industry.

“RURAL BANKS: BRIDGING THE GAP IN FINANCIAL INCLUSION”.

The theme highlights the mandate and advocacy of the rural banking industry. For 66 years, the rural banks have been continuously championing financial inclusion for ALL, especially in areas that the big players have less or no presence.

In achieving our goal to strengthen the rural banking system, let’s be mindful of the need to be in step with technology, client preferences and expectations for product innovations. Charting our course for the future require concrete and high impact measures and strategies to survive the competition. This ensures that we serve our clients better and improve their financial access throughout the country.

To help us realize this objective, we are inviting speakers and bankers to discuss best practices and enabling circulars that promote financial access to unbanked, unserved and underserved.

We strongly encourage your participation, as the convention is the perfect venue for us to share experiences and best practices in banking and deliver your pressing concerns and issues. This event shall contribute significantly to our common goal of serving and spearheading growth in the countryside.

Attached herewith are the registration form (Annex A), accommodation form (Annex B), advertisement contract for the 2019 Convention Souvenir Program (Annex C) and list of recommended hotels (Annex D) for your reference. To avail of the Early Bird Rate, please register on or before **5:00 PM of APRIL 12, 2019 (Friday).**

	DEADLINE
1. Registration Form (Annex A)	April 12, 2019 (Friday) – Early bird
2. Accommodation form (Annex B)	March 29, 2019 (Friday) – Baguio County Club
3. Advertising Contract & Layout (Annex C)	April 22, 2019 (Monday)
4. List of Recommended Hotels (Annex D)	



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I. REGISTRATION:

In the interest of an orderly Convention, please accomplish the registration form and submit to RBAP Secretariat via email rbapevents@gmail.com or fax thru (02) 527-2980/527-2969.

- a. Member banks in Good Standing and will deposit payment **on or before 5:00 PM of April 12, 2019 (Friday)** can avail of the following Early Bird rates:

✓ **First** (Voting) and Second (Non-voting) and succeeding delegates will pay Php 6,000.00;

- b. Registration fee (Voting/Non-voting) after **April 12, 2019** shall be Php 8,000.00 per delegate;

- c. Non-members and delinquent member banks shall be assessed at Php 10,000.00 per delegate.

II. THE USUAL MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE EXPENSES PER DELEGATE:

- a. Each delegate shall be entitled to a maximum per diem per day of Php 6,000.00 for a period not exceeding five (5) days for the delegates coming from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao;
- b. Actual transportation expenses from the rural bank to the convention venue and return;
- c. Maximum representation allowance of Php 6,000.00 per delegate.

III. PAYMENT:

- a. Please cross all checks payable to **Rural Bankers Association of the Philippines** and deposit payment through:

Name of Bank: **Land bank of the Philippines**
Branch: **Intramuros**
Current Account No: **0012-1174-69**

Send deposit slip through:

Email: **rbapevents@gmail.com**
Fax: **(02) 527-2968 or (02) 527-2969**

Please write "2019 Convention Registration" and indicate the name of the rural bank.

IV. CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION AND NO-SHOW POLICY:

All requests for cancellation of registration or substitution of participants must be submitted IN WRITING to the RBAP Secretariat. The following rules shall apply:

- a. Notice of cancellation made not later than **April 22, 2019 (Monday)** is subject to full refund of the registration fee. Cancellations made after this date is subject to a refund equivalent to 50% of the registration fee.




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- b. Participants who fail to show up during the convention, *except for sudden illness*, and who are not able to submit a written notice of cancellation/substitution to the RBAP Secretariat shall be considered as **No-Show** and the registration fee is **non-refundable**.
- c. Registered participants from member banks with a scheduled BSP examination during the convention must submit a written notice together with a copy of the BSP notice on the schedule of examination date on or before **April 30, 2019 (Monday)** is subject to a refund equivalent to 100% of the registration fee. Cancellations made after this date is **non-refundable**.
- d. All refunds will be processed Thirty (30) days after the event.

Participating rural banks to the Convention shall assume the above-mentioned expenses.

Thank you and we are looking forward to see you there!

Sincerely,


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President