



Pacific Islands Bilingual Biculture Association
P.O. Box 10006 SPS 075
Saipan, MP 96950

President - Florine M. Hofschneider
Secretary/Treasurer - Dr. Jose Q. Cruz

June 16, 1995

The Honorable Herman T. Guerrero
President
Third Constitutional Convention
Dandan Commercial Center
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear President Guerrero:

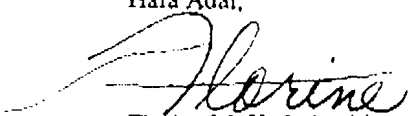
It is with great pleasure to extend an invitation to you to join us celebrate our 14th Annual Pacific Islands Bilingual Bicultural Association Conference on Saipan. The conference is scheduled for June 21 through 23, 1995 at Hopwood Jr. Junior High School in Chalan Piao. We will be most honored if you and all the Con-Con delegates would be among our invited guests during this three-day event. The theme of this year's conference is "21st Century: Strengthening of Our Cultures."

Invited guest speakers include Mr. Dan Pham, Deputy Director of the Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Language Affairs (OBEMLA) of the US Dept. of Education, CNMI/US Representative Juan N. Babauta, Guam/U.S. Delegate Dr. Robert Underwood, prominent leaders in the field of bilingual education locally and from throughout the Pacific region.

United States Congress plans to eliminate funding and its support for bilingual education. We, islanders need to demonstrate to the federal government that support for bilingual education is strong and is an essential element for the survival of our peoplehood. It is critical that we impress upon the representative from the U.S. Department of Education and OBEMLA that lost in funding would be devastating to the Pacific entities. PIBBA is challenging all it's Pacific members to bring their leaders to this very important conference. Delegates from throughout the region are working hard to encourage their local leaders to participate in this very important event. Language Commissions also challenged to strengthen the "Pacific Voice." Please join us stage this "Pacific Voice" by attending the conference. Enclosed for your use is the registration form for your participation, please call me at 323-6000/1/2, or via fax at 323-7735 if you need further information.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to your acceptance of this invitation.

Hafa Adai,


Florine M. Hofschneider
President, PIBBA

JUN 19 1995

6/19/95 - eg