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Dear Colleagues:

The Philippine Association of Academic/Research Librarians, Inc. (PAARL) cordially invites you to participate in this year's International Library Benchmarking Tour in **Sydney, Australia** on **20 to 27 October 2018** with the theme: **#PAARL goes Aussie**.

On its 9<sup>th</sup> year of benchmarking libraries, PAARL has chosen Sydney, the capital city of New South Wales, being one the most dynamic and most developed cities in the world. It is also well-known for its cultural heritage and productiveness and is home to some of the most innovative libraries in Australia.

The objectives of this international benchmarking tour are:

- to see and appreciate the contemporary architecture and design of libraries in Sydney;
- to establish international linkages and foster collaboration across international network of libraries; and
- to evaluate and learn from best practices and experiences of more innovative libraries in Sydney, particularly in terms of services, processes, projects, resources, and staff development.

The all-in package costs **Php79,995.00** and includes: round-trip ticket via Cebu Pacific Air; six (6) nights hotel accommodation; transfers; full-board meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner); visa processing; and visit to the following libraries and cultural sights:

Library	Cultural Sights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Macquarie University Library</li><li>▪ University of New South Wales Main Library</li><li>▪ State Library of New South Wales</li><li>▪ The University of Sydney Australia</li><li>▪ Surry Hills Library</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Queen Victoria Building</li><li>▪ Australian Museum Tour</li><li>▪ Captain Cook Cruises Sydney Harbour</li><li>▪ Sydney Tower Observation Deck</li><li>▪ 2-day City Sights Tour (<i>The Sydney Opera House, Sydney Sea Life Aquarium, Royal Botanical Garden, Hyde Park, Woolloomooloo Bay, King Wharf's Street, The rock, Bondi Beach, etc.</i>)</li></ul>

Participants in this activity will receive certificates, kits, and t-shirts.

Interested parties must register here [<https://tinyurl.com/PAARL2018-SydneyTour>] and pay **Php63,996.00** (4 months equivalent partial payments) on or before **31 May 2018** to secure a slot.



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CPD Point are being processed for this benchmarking activity.

For inquiries and clarifications, please contact the undersigned or any member of the Executive Board.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in this year's PAARL Benchmarking Tour in one of the largest cities on earth!

Sincerely yours,

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**MARIA GIA G. GAMOLO, RL, Ed.D**  
Chair, Library Benchmarking Tour 2018

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