



PBD Headquarter Happenings

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Greetings from Former Headquarters!

Moving On and Signing Off

Well, it's official now. Ahmed and I bid you goodbye as we move on to other activities. We also ask you to join us in welcoming the new team at headquarters as headed by new Executive Director & CEO **Dr. Rueyling Chuang**. I'll let her introduce herself as well as her staff in a future communiqué. In the meantime, here are some reflections from both Ahmed and me.

Ahmed's Farewell

Dear Fellow Phi Beta Deltans,

I hope all of you had a successful semester, and congratulations to all graduates for such an important milestone.

As you know, the Society has now moved to California State University, San Bernardino, as of July 1st. As we pass on the torch of the new crew, Yvonne and I continue to support them with all aspects of the Society's activities until they become familiar and ready to continue what we and others before us have established.

Personally, it has been six years full of an enriching experience, and it has been a great pleasure knowing and working with all of you. I shall remember this for a long period of time.

As Yvonne and I will be moving to other things, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of you, and ask you to provide the new staff with the same consideration and support that you have provided to us as they fulfill their duties.

I cannot think or say farewell, but rather a simple goodbye, as I know that our paths will cross again, either during our annual conferences or somewhere else in this small world.

Thank you all, and warm regards!

Ahmed Mohamed

Former Executive Assistant
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Reflections

Reflecting on these past seven years, I am filled with gratitude for having the opportunity to serve the Society in the capacity of executive director at our Washington D.C. headquarters. Now that we have closed the doors to the D.C. facility, I think about those seven years, what was accomplished, and what still needs to be done.

Hands down, the most monumental event of my tenure as executive director has been the rekindling of ties with our founding members. **Drs. Blankenship** and **Anatol** stand out, but I also have in mind our other founding members who were present at the 25 year celebration Conference and those with whom I have had the pleasure to correspond over the last seven years. Phi Beta Delta is on the move and poised for a great future. We are in excellent hands with **Dr. Rueyling Chuang**, her staff, and the entire supportive California State University, San Bernardino campus.

- We now stand at more than 11,000 **active** members
- There are more than 180 chapters of the Society
- We are gradually and strategically making inroads into the development of chapters abroad
- Makerere University Business School is our first chapter on the continent of Africa, and we plan to have more in that part of the world as well as in Asia
- We are positioning ourselves to join the prestigious Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS)
- We are in our fourth successful year of participation in the well-regard International Studies Association (ISA)
- More initiatives are underway, and I have no doubt that the current group of talented volunteers who serve on the board will help to bring these initiatives to fruition.



PBD@ISA: 4 for 4

One of the initiatives mentioned above is proving to be a signature Phi Beta Delta activity. Through academic panels and receptions, it is the presence of Phi Beta Delta at the International Studies Association Conferences. We have now made four successful bids to host panels at the Conference. Thanks to Dr. Rueyling Chuang, Executive Director & CEO of Phi Beta Delta, ISA accepted our fourth panel. It now looks like this project will continue into the foreseeable future.

In the meantime, allow me to take this opportunity to thank the

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invisible but very dedicated PBD@ISA committee that labored behind the scenes in order to ensure the success of the first three PBD@ISA panels and receptions. Thank you

Dr. Alea M. Cot, Beta Lambda Chapter of University of New Orleans

Dr. Charles Gliozzo, Alpha Alpha Chapter of Michigan State University

Dr. Tom Knutson, Omicron Chapter of California State, Sacramento

Ms. Zadie Long, Beta Omega Chapter of Spelman College

Dr. Henry Steck, Zeta Xi Chapter of SUNY, Cortland

A heartfelt thanks to all five of them for a job well-done. **Faculty colleagues**, I know if you are called to serve on this wonderful committee, you will gladly accept. Better yet, why not volunteer?

Goodbye—For Now!

With all that Phi Beta Delta managed to accomplish in the past seven years, indeed in its first twenty-five years, there is still much to do. I am certain that you will be as supportive of the new Headquarters team as you have been of **Ahmed** and me.

This is by no means goodbye. We'll see you at **Conference 2012** which is already shaping up to be a great even under the leadership of **President-Elect Dr. Joy Stevenson**.

Forever yours,

Yvonne Captain

Former Executive Director & CEO

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