

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA



MESSAGE

The heroism of our forebears should inspire us to fight for a strong and modern Philippine nation. Let us carry on their struggle by devoting our collective energies to the battle against poverty – uniting and working as one to overcome the forces of division and strife, and tightly embracing peace, development and stability.

The Filipino communities abroad are the frontline of our global quest for confidence, investments and prosperity. Think of those at home not only in terms of your remittances but in terms of inviting more tourists and investors who bring jobs to our people. Devote your resources to priorities such as food, education and shelter for those who have less in life.

We can become a first-world nation in 20 years because we are already first class in the field of industry and excellence. We must shun the prophets of doom and defeat, and embody the tenacity to win and the stoutness of heart of our forebears.

Let us celebrate Independence Day with a common resolve to build a nation that stands for the eternal greatness of the Filipino.

Mabuhay!

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