

Presidential Communications Operations Office
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**MESSAGE OF PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE FOR THE 2020
INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**

I join all Filipinos in celebrating the 122nd Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence.

One hundred and twenty-two years ago, our forefathers proudly proclaimed the birth of the Filipino nation. Today we honor them for their bravery, heroism and sacrifice as well as we thank them for the gifts of democracy and freedom.

As we wage a united battle against COVID-19, we now have the opportunity to demonstrate that we possess the same gallantry of spirit and nobility of character as the heroes of our past.

Let us now move forward with courage, hope and optimism as we overcome this pandemic.

Mabuhay tayong lahat! Mabuhay ang Republika ng Pilipinas!

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