



## **Office of the President of the Philippines**

### **STATEMENT**

**President Rodrigo Roa Duterte  
on the passing of Ambassador Dr. Sinyo Harry Sarundajang**

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The Philippines lost a true friend and a champion of Philippines-Indonesia bilateral relations with the sudden passing of His Excellency Dr. Sinyo Harry Sarundajang, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Indonesia to the Philippines.

The President conveys deepest sympathies to Ibu Deetje Adeline Laoh Tambuwun, the entire family and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia in this time of great sadness and grief.

The President considers Ambassador Sarundajang as a true friend and a brother to all. As a local chief executive, Ambassador Sarundajang was a leader of significance who worked tirelessly in serving his constituencies in Bitung, North Maluku, Maluku and North Sulawesi for which he gained respect in Indonesia.

Ambassador Sarundajang's tenure in the country was marked by further strengthening of the overall bilateral relations between the Philippines and Indonesia through improved connectivity, sustained people-to-people exchanges as well as greater cooperation for peace, security and stability and prosperity in the BIMP-EAGA and the larger region.

He will be remembered and rightly honored for his deep commitment and dedication to further deepen and broaden the special ties between the Philippines and Indonesia. **END**