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**MESSAGE OF
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE
DURING THE 123RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF PHILIPPINE
INDEPENDENCE
[12 June 2021]**

I join the entire Filipino nation in celebrating the 123rd Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence.

The challenges of the past year have tested our character as a nation.

Each of us has been called upon to be heroes in our own right --- in fighting for our survival and in devoting ourselves to the common good, just as our heroes did more than a century ago.

With their noble example inspiring us, we look forward to a brighter future filled with hope that we will overcome the challenges brought by this pandemic.

May the patriotic fervor continue to burn in our hearts.

Mabuhay ang malayang Pilipinas!

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