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**SPEECH OF
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE
DURING THE INAUGURATION OF THE BGC-ORTIGAS CENTER LINK
ROAD PROJECT**

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Thank you. Kindly sit down.

Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea; Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III; Public Works and Highways Secretary Mark Villar; Senator Bong Go; Pasig City Lone District Representative Roman Romulo; Taguig City Mayor Lino Edgar[do] Cayetano; fellow workers in government; mga kababayan.

You know I'd like also to share with the public my sentiment to Secretary Villar. Alam mo I could not find the right combination of words, pero ito lang ang masasabi ko, kagaya mo I'm at a loss of how to express my --- sa pinakailalim ng puso ko, thank you for joining me in government [*applause*] and thank you for what you have done to the country.

A good day to all! I am pleased to join you today for the inauguration of the BGC-Ortigas Center Link Road project, which will provide a vital link between these two major business centers in Metro Manila.

I congratulate the Department of Public Works and Highways and its partners for the completion of this project.

Your hard work and dedication to realize our vision of a strongly connected nation are truly noteworthy.

This project marks another milestone in the government's Build, Build, Build Program and is vital in fully achieving a safe, time-efficient, and dignified travel among motorists in Metro Manila and its surrounding areas.

This major new link [road] will help ease traffic congestion along the major thoroughfares of Manila --- Metro Manila. It will improve the movement of people and goods, especially between the Ortigas and BGC business centers as travel time is expected to be reduced from an hour to a mere 12 minutes.

We welcome this infrastructure development at a time when we are gradually recovering from the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and safely revitalizing economic activities. Indeed, this achievement will provide substantial and long-lasting benefits to various businesses, motorists, and ordinary Filipino.

To this end, I enjoin the [DPWH] and other government agencies to synergize your efforts towards the realization of other projects under the Build, Build, Build Program.

With less than a year left in my term, we cannot afford to waste time and resources as we fulfill our promise of better and more responsive public works across the country.

To my fellow Filipinos, let me assure you of my administration's unrelenting commitment to pursue a more comfortable life for every Filipino through safe and reliable infrastructure that will improve mobility and productivity.

Let me also assure you that no Filipino will be left behind as we steadfastly and collectively work towards a stronger and more progressive nation.

Let me assure you of this commitment until the end of my term.

Once again, congratulations and daghang salamat sa inyong tanan. *[applause]*

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