



MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

## MESSAGE

I join all Christians here in the Philippines and around the world in celebrating the blessed season of **Christmas**.

As we commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ with fervent prayer, let us also welcome this occasion with stronger faith and hope, especially as our nation continues to recover from the effects of Typhoon Odette and the COVID-19 pandemic.

May we all be united in spreading love, compassion and happiness to our families and friends, and even those whom we need to reach out to.

There is a time and season for everything, and Christmas is a time for peace. Let us continue to help each other to heal and rebuild our lives. This will lead us to open our hearts and our homes, especially for those who are most in need so that they, too, may have joy and hope while we all work together towards better days ahead.

Isang masaya, pinagpala at makabuluhang Pasko sa ating lahat!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodrigo Roa Duterte".

RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE

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25 December 2021