



## Office of the President of the Philippines

### STATEMENT

#### Telephone Call with His Highness SHEIKH TAMIM BIN HAMAD AL THANI AMIR OF QATAR 23 December 2021

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte conveyed his sincerest appreciation to His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Amir of Qatar, for the expression of sympathy and solidarity with the victims of Typhoon Rai (Odette) during a telephone conversation held on 21 December 2021.

The President also welcomed the Qatari Amir's offer of assistance for the rehabilitation of the affected communities in the Visayas and northern Mindanao regions. The two Leaders instructed their respective Secretary and Minister of interior government to coordinate directly to facilitate the entry of humanitarian assistance from Qatar.

President Duterte further said that Qatar *"is and will always be a friend of the Philippines"* and thanked the Qatari Government for the humane treatment of Filipinos living and working in Qatar.

His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, for his part, said that Filipinos are appreciated in Qatar. He likewise expressed admiration for the President's strong leadership, wishing him the best as he fulfills his mandate. **END**