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**SPEECH OF PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE DURING THE  
INAUGURATION OF THE BINONDO-INTRAMUROS BRIDGE**

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Kindly sit down. Thank you.

Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea; Chinese Ambassador to the Philippines His Excellency Huang Xilian; Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez; Labor and Employment Secretary Silvestre Bello III; Senator Bong Go; Public Works and Highways Acting Secretary Roger “Oging” Mercado; Environment and Natural Resources Acting Secretary Jim Sampulna; Metropolitan Manila Development Authority Chairman Romando Artes; Manila 3rd District Congressman John Marvin “Yul Servo” Nieto; Manila Mayor Francisco “Isko” Moreno Domagoso; former Public Works and Highways Secretary Mark Villar; former Presidential Assistant on Foreign Affairs and Climate Change Commission Vice Chairperson Robert Borje; fellow workers in government; guests; ladies and gentlemen

I am pleased to be with you today as we inaugurate the Binondo-Intramuros Bridge.

The DPWH and all its partners deserve the recognition for completing one of the key projects of this administration’s “Build, Build, Build” Program. I laud you all for the hard work you have done for this initiative to be accomplished.

Despite the unprecedented challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic, you have all remained devoted to connecting people and places by completing this project.

I also thank and with gratitude the People’s Republic of China for the confidence and for being a partner in enhancing key infrastructure projects in our country. *[applause]* Ambassador Huang, the Philippines and China we do not have any quarrel. And we can talk about the Spratly Islands and probably the fishing rights of my countrymen — plain talk, nothing else. *[applause]*

In doing so, our people are given the chance to experience economic growth and enhanced productivity.

In doing so, our nations are likewise working together towards greener, more sustainable and climate change resistant infrastructure.

As my administration comes to a close, we remain committed to providing a comfortable life for every Filipino through various opportunities for growth and success.

It is our hope that present and future generations will enjoy enhanced mobility and connectivity through innovative physical integration.

Again, I congratulate all who are involved in this project and hope that this will inspire our people to continue connecting and thriving under a new normal.

Salamat. *[applause]*

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