

Office of the President of the Philippines

STATEMENT

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte extends his deepest condolences to the Government and people of the United Arab Emirates on the passing of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE.

The President conveys the Filipino nation's solidarity with the UAE in this period of great loss and bereavement.

President Duterte recalls His Highness Sheikh Khalifa as a bold visionary whose leadership was crucial in the UAE's sustained economic transformation and deeper engagement with the international community, including the Philippines.

The President said His Highness Sheikh Khalifa will long be remembered even beyond the UAE for his legacy of leadership, wisdom and benevolence.

President Duterte's sympathy message was personally conveyed to United Arab Emirates President His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan through his Special Envoy, Secretary Robert E.A. Borje. **END**