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**SPEECH OF
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE
DURING THE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY OF THE PAMPANGA
PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL-CLARK**

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Kindly sit down. I'm sorry.

Former President – or President Arroyo; Health Secretary Francisco Duque; Senator Bong Go, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Health and Demography; Pampanga 1st District Congressman Carmelo Lazatin II; Pampanga Governor Dennis Pineda; Pampanga Vice [Governor] Lilia “Nanay” Pineda; Mabalacat City Mayor Crisostomo Garbo; Angeles City Mayor Carmelo Lazatin Jr.; San Fernando City Mayor Edwin [Santiago]; Arayat Municipal Mayor Emmanuel Alejandrino; Lubao Municipal Mayor Esmerelda Pineda; Minalin Municipal Mayor Edgardo Flores – sandali ha kay marami *[laughter]* – San Simon Municipal Mayor Abundio Punsalan; Santa Rita Municipal Mayor Ferdinand Salalila; Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Andrea Domingo; Pampanga punong barangays and officials in attendance; Clark Development Corporation President and CEO Manuel Gaerlan; fellow workers in government; other distinguished guests; ladies and gentlemen.

I have a two-page speech – three and a half. I can finish this in about four minutes so para makauwi na kayo. *[laughter]* Alam ko kanina pa kayo naghintay. It took us long.

Well, you know, just like napunta ako ng Cebu. Iyong the longest bridge ngayon sa country, the Cordova-Cebu City Link. I think that is the fourth bridge that would span `yung sa river nila. Ang...

Napaiyak ako nang kaunti. Kaunti lang, parang pula-pula lang 'yung mata really because about six years ago nagpunta ako ng Cordova and broke the ground for the project. Last, last week or about seven days ago, I went back there to inaugurate. So ako 'yung nag-break ng ground and I was there to inaugurate.

Maganda kasi ang tulay at sabi ko na ito 'yung mga pinaghirapan ng mga Cebuano especially the workers, 'yung mga tao na nagtrabaho doon who made the bridge possible and a very beautiful one.

So sabi ko dito we will wish the workers – 'yung talagang nagtatrabaho para sa ospital na ito. I hope and I pray that this will become a reality in the coming days. Baka feel ninyo na... I don't know if I'm alive at that --- buhay pa ako pero baka kuwan lang ninyo na imbitahin kami uli si President Arroyo [*applause*] pati si retired worker of government Rodrigo Duterte. [*laughter and applause*]

If you would notice I – in many of my speeches actually, I avoided the – it has become a cliché or a ano na ito na "servants of the people." So ibahin naman natin, sabi ko, kasi 'yung lahat ng dating servants naging amo natin. Sila 'yung... I don't know but 'yung sana mga trabaho talagang matuloy. So ako naman, I do not want to use the word "public servants." Sabi ko "workers of government" tayong lahat.

I am paid to do my job and I am a worker of the national government. And I will retire in a few days. At para sa akin and also kay President Arroyo, nagtrabaho talaga kami para sa bayan. [*applause*]

And alam mo sa totoo lang, ma'am, itong nangyayari ngayon sa Ukraine pati... You know it's oil. Sinabi ko na sa inyo at the beginning, hindi ko lang sinabi 'yung repercussions. But ang --- si ma'am, magsabi 'yan sa inyo eh. She's an economist. Iyong export pati import natin talagang ma-derail 'yan.

And for as long as we are dependent on the fossil oil, tataas nang tataas 'yan. I think that the war in Europe will be one of attrition. Pagka-attrition,

araw-araw walang hinto na 'yang increase. I'd like to make a warning to itong mga association ng transport or everything, that is not the end.

Every time that you complain and go into a demonstration, just make sure that you realize and understand the importance of oil and how it would affect all nations. Talagang magdaan tayo ng hirap kaya nagpasalamat ako sa Diyos na magtapos na ako. Bilisan na lang niya ang mga araw *[laughter]* kasi kawawa talaga itong susunod tignan ninyo.

Hindi hihinto na 'yang... Hindi... Every day, it will in --- the prices will increase and increase and increase until we can have a stable situation in the whole --- lahat ng countries dito sa Pilipinas maka-recover. Tayo, hindi... Iyong nakikita ninyong increases ngayon, wala 'yan. Tignan ninyo as the days go by. Tapos oil becomes a weapon of choice for [unclear].

Russia, nandiyan siya but I really do not know how it would affect. Hindi naman ako masyadong ano diyan pero tinitignan ko lang 'yung oil at iyong giyera ngayon, it will not end. It's an attrition. Iyong patagalan na shooting each other there.

Wala tayong choice because the other alternative or the alternative would be if you want to finish it, you just push the button there for a nuclear war and that will be the end of our worries. At sabihin ko by that time, hindi na kayo mag-demonstrate diyan, kayong mga association ng mga drivers, operators, iyan.

'Pag nuclear na, wala na tayong pag-usapan, wala na tayong i-import pati... Bakit man kayo...? Tapos na man lahat. Pagbagsak niyang nuclear ano, one for each country.

The Philippines will not be an exemption if war really breaks out because of the Americans. Itong Clark Air Base na ito noon and they are there sa Olongapo. And the enemies of America knows that --- or know that may mga Amerikano na naka-base dito until now.

There are a lot of American soldiers and there are weapons. We do not know if it is also for a war that would come na sana hindi. Ewan ko pero I --- I see a very dark --- not really in desperation but itong oil na ito, apektado lahat eh. Iyong export pati import natin and how our economy is being run by oil.

Without oil --- ito lahat it's a product of oil, lahat 'yan. Since the machineries, the energy that runs the machines there lahat makikita mo gawa ng oil 'yan. So pati itong harap ko.

Let me congratulate the provincial government of Pampanga and other agency partners who helped us achieve this significant feat. I am honored to be with you, as I commemorate my last Labor Day as President. Wala na akong Labor Day niyan, labor na lang. *[laughter]* President, wala na. *[applause]* And I don't know anong --- anong gawain ko sa...

I urge you to remain steadfast in pushing your initiatives to advance government's holistic approach towards social development.

The strategic location of this hospital will make our services and assistance programs more accessible to neighboring communities. It will likewise decongest other hospitals in the region, especially when a major public health crisis is coming in the future.

As we *[continue]* to respond to various healthcare challenges, we remain resolute in maximizing our capacities and utilizing everything we have to save as many lives as we can.

I laud the local --- laud o laud, your choice --- the local government units for providing accessible health services and other basic needs. You have helped us realize our goal of a healthier and more productive Filipino citizen.

Responsible and responsive leaders should know the areas where they can build and establish advantageous institutions even for the successful generations.

Governor Pineda will long be --- you will be remembered by your mga kababayan mo for this and of course I understand that it would be funded purely from government sources and this will --- buti ho.

Elected officials should harness and develop a more discerning character so they can govern with a firm resolve for genuine social change.

Lastly, I am confident that the construction of this facility will move according to approved timelines, to ensure that it will serve the constituency at the soonest possible time.

Now that I am already at the tail end of my administration, I thank everyone who has helped me realize the dreams we have for our country.

Una, bago ako mag... Kay Governor Pineda, kay Ma'am President Arroyo, and everybody, I'll just take this opportunity, I might not be able to have the time really nor the --- maimbita ako uli. Wala ng panahon kaya gusto kong from sa --- galing sa ilalim ng puso ko, salamat for making me President. *[applause]* Ma'am, maraming salamat talaga.

Always do your best and remember to serve selflessly in whatever capacity you have.

Maraming salamat sa inyong lahat. *[applause]*

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