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AND INSPECTION OF THE SUBWAY DEPOT, METRO MANILA SUBWAY
PROJECT (MMSP)**

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Kindly sit down. Salamat po.

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I have a two pages of speech. Ginawa lang ito para sa akin. This is not my --
- the usual run-of-the-mill. Kaya lang ginagawa nilang dalawang pages lang
kasi alam nila I tend to ramble on to some other matters which is really true.

Before I read my speech, actually let me just say a few words about this
project and other projects in the entire country. Alam mo noong mayor pa
ako, I've been mayor of Davao at the time for 23 years. But there was a time
when I was invited by the Japanese government because there were so many
projects lined up for Davao City, and not only for Davao City but the entire
Philippines.

So I was there. I was briefed on the projects, and true enough, I was lucky that I was there as mayor to see its completion from the evolving, you know, civil works until the projects are really there for all to use and maybe...

You know, let me talk first about Japan. I cannot seem to fathom the love of the Japanese people for this republic. There are so many projects going on in the country and being pushed and sponsored by the JICA. That is the overseas assistance nila.

Alam mo sa totoo lang, past is past. But until now, Japan has continued to help us to the extent that iyong ibang --- pati ng Davao City, the new highway and the bridge and everything, it would seem really that we are a part of the Japanese government. Para bang isang probinsiya tayo. We are the --- you know, being treated as almost a part of Japan that should be developed in due time.

Hindi ko lang maano but I would like to --- the ambassador is here --- I'd like to express my gratitude all over again every time I meet people from JICA and the projects all around the Philippines where I am invited to witness its inauguration or its operability and all.

So even this project, ang bayad is .01 and may grace period ka for 12 years. Alam mo 'pag ganoon ang obligasyon mo, it is really gratis na 'yan. It's a gift from the Japanese people to the people of the Philippines. Parang wala na 'yang ano, .01.

How can we complete that payment in maybe half of the century? Alam man nila na hirap tayo. Pero for purposes of really... And it's... Even the Philippines, we have to, you know, collect something even if it is a token amount so that everything is recorded and everything can be traced kung ano ang kulang o ano ang mali.

That is a Japanese way of really saying that *"we want to help you."* And it's always there. Most of the projects, even the Davao Airport --- 'yung bago, kung matuloy, it's almost free.

About the only thing that really mattered was Davao was the last to be given or at our behest na ipahuli lang tayo. That's... My daughter, who was also a mayor who succeeded me, medyo nagtampo 'yan because she wanted Davao to be the first in the --- during my administration --- iyong mga projects na gagawin.

But I told her na you know, "*Anak, we have to give the allowance to the people. Make my city the last beneficiary.*" You know, even in the cementing of roads in the subdivision where I used to live with my father and mother, brothers and sisters, it's a... It's an old subdivision at I would say that it was the first in Davao. Sinisemento na lahat 'yan pero sabi ko, unahin na ninyo iyong ibang daanan. Make me the last kung may natira. Ano prophetic, nagkulang talaga ang funding because of the changes now of the --- under the new Constitution. Three years nang three years. Ayun, hindi natapos.

So ang... The road that where my house or our house is located remains to be a dirt road. Pinakita ko lang na last na tayo and even in the projects, I'd always admonish the people make Davao the last while I am a President.

If by for --- you know, fortune, a chance mabigyan kami nitong bagong ano administration, then I would say na salamat because nahuli talaga kami and the simple reason really is when you are there, you are the President, huwag mong unahin 'yang bahay mo. Unahin mo muna 'yung --- you fix the house of everybody before yours. That is the matter of delicadeza. Iyon ang nangyari dito. And everybody in the government knows that. Make Davao the last whatever it is.

So ang kaligayahan ko lang and even --- permit me, I will read my speech. Nagkain na kayo? Hindi pa? 12:30? Marami pa sana akong sabihin. Pero well, again the presence of the Ambassador of Japan, sir, Your Excellency, thank you at...

Ano 'yung maingay? T*** i**, kanina pa 'yan sa Luneta. Basang-basa kami talaga because doon sa monumento, there were people there across the road. Hindi naman ako puwedeng tumalikod. Talagang pumunta ako so nag-umpisa. Natuyo na lang sa helicopter kasi mahangin. Itong buang (crazy) na ulan na ito, kanina pa 'yan eh. Well anyway, hindi pa pala kayo kumain, I'll cut short. I'm just giving you my sentiments.

Mayroon pa sana akong gustong iwanan. I'm leaving the presidency. I am only ---nandoon ako sa puwet na. Marami akong sabihin about drugs and everything na sana I would like to appeal to everybody that drugs, especially the military and the police and the Coast Guard who are here, never give up the fight against drugs.

Drugs will kill the Philippines. Malapit na tayo nag-narcopolitics. There were barangay captains into it and there were the mayors of the Republic of the Philippines. Sila 'yun.

And when I came to Manila to assume the presidency, dala-dala ko 'yung chief of police ko, sinabi ko, "*Buksan mo ang records.*" And to my horror, six generals of the police were involved in the trafficking of drugs and there were mayors and the famous 'yung sa Ozamiz si Parojinog; and Espinosa, ang anak niya nasa kulungan ngayon. He has retracted his testimony against De Lima pero okay na lang 'yan.

Alam mo... Pero sabagay itong mayor na ito, nag-warning ako noon. Tinawag ko 'yan sila sa Malacañan. Pinasira ko, I did not allow the media to --- I did not --- to see you. It was ignored.

Alam ng mga mayor kung nandito ngayon sila, sinabi ko talaga sa kanila, sabihin ko sa inyo do not. Maski general ka o p** - mayor ka, if you destroy my country, I will kill you. Wala akong pakialam kung sinong heneral ka, sinong Cabinet member ka. P***** i** ka 'pag pumasok ka droga...

And when I was mayor, the city was really in shambles post-EDSA: crime, criminality and all. So I was a prosecutor and I ran for mayor. Nag-warning talaga ako. Do not destroy my country, do not destroy the youth of the land because if you do that in my city, I will kill you.

Iyan dapat marinig ng human rights. But the problem that I'm worried --- hindi ko sabihin na hindi nila kaya itong incoming. But what I'm saying is the magnitude. The last shipment na stumbled on by the National Bureau of Investigation and the police and the PDEA, ang tonelada was - [*Eleven?*] - 12 tons of shabu amounting to - [*Magkano 'yun, sir? Eleven billion, 12 billion?*] Nandiyan ako, alam nila kung anong mangyari.

They know that if we walk and we find each other in one corner, alam nila ang mangyari and yet --- nakita na nila eh. They were... Kasi kung ako ang umabot doon, patay 'yun lahat. Anak ka ng --- sabihin ko sa inyo. That is in defense of my country. It was Gloria Arroyo who raised that level issue of secu - 'yung drugs to the level of a national security issue.

Kaya itong pulis, lahat kayong mga military nakikinig, whatever, my orders are and should be until now and in the years to come: destroy the apparatus of the drug syndicates. When destroying, sabihin ko sa mga human rights may namamatay talaga.

But you must remember na marami akong pulis pati military namatay, especially in Mindanao when they were trying to dismantle sa Marawi. Pati sa in other parts of the country, marami akong pulis nadisgrasya because of the drug issues. Kaya when I was President sabi ko ganoon rin, do not because this is my only country. Iyan lang ang problema nakita ko na pinaka --- sirain talaga ang bayan natin.

Kaya I'm warning you. Even if I'm just an ordinary citizen, 'pag nakita ko na ganoon kayo, I will find a way to kill you. My God, remember that. Huwag kayong pumasok sa droga and my orders to the police and the military: continue the momentum. As long as it is done in the performance of your duty and you run afoul or may namatay at maingay, ako sabihin ko I am the one who will assume the full accountability and all.

Wala, kayong mga human rights --- huwag ninyong isali 'yang mga pulis. Nagtutupad lang 'yan sa utos ko. Ako ang ihuli ninyo. And itong ICC, International Criminal Court, hindi tayo member.

I am a Filipino. If I will be charged criminally, it should be before a Filipino court. And if there's somebody who will judge me, it will be a Filipino judge. And if somebody will prosecute me, it must be a Filipino prosecutor. The courts are there. There is no failure of justice. Kita mo 'yung mga secretary.

Pero kayong mga pulis pati military, that is my order. And if you said you --- mapapasubo kayo if you get into trouble, ituro mo lang ako. It was the order

of the President of the Republic of the Philippines. Akin 'yan. Mine and mine alone.

So hayaan ko lang. Gusto kong iwan --- paalis na ako. Let me, as I said, unburden myself of my hatred sa drugs. If you'll allow me, siguro nag-breakfast kayo ng --- I would assume na you had a good breakfast.

Alam mo p***** i** 'yung human rights. Magsabi sila ito, ito lahat ang namatay na mga kriminal. P***** i** nila. Wala silang sabihin ito, the social disorder. Kaya nga law and order, the social disorder that the drugs had created.

May isang pamilya diyan, may durugista, ubos ang property mo. 'Pag wala nang manakaw, sa ibang tao, 'pag wala na, mag-hold up because of the craving, because there is a monkey on his back scratching his addiction. Iyan ang masakit.

Ang masakit sa akin isa pa, pagka tinamaan 'yung mga bata, there will be a family dysfunction and there are plenty. So mag-away 'yan pati mga bata. Wala na, bewildered and wandering in the woods of civilization.

Ang asawa, lalo na karamihan mahirap --- eh mabuti 'yung milyonaryo, ako pa ang magbigay sa inyo. Pero pagkatapos niyan, barilin ko kayo mga y*** kayo.

Iyong iba babae, and there are 3 million Filipinos there, mostly female. Magpunta --- I will not name a particular country, but they go to the Middle East to work. And there are certain Arab tribes, not all, na 'pag ikaw ay nabili sa slave market sa Africa or you are paid to do the job, rape is part of the territory.

And how many Fili --- ? Nakikita mo 'yang mag-suicide? Tatakbo tapos magtalon. Why? Hindi sila makalabas because the doors are locked. They work sa bahay ng amo nila, tapos doon sa son-in-law or daughter-in-law na bahay, tapos sa bayaw.

That's why on the average, nakita ninyo three hours lang ang tulog at saka ang... But they keep on sending money hoping na doon sa mga relatives paaralin mo `yung anak ko. They endure the derogation of their dignity. Tinitii lang nila `yan.

And pagbalik nila, makita nila --- they will find out that `yung anak nila naging p*** na, `yung mga --- into drugs, mga gangster na. Ganoon kasakit ang Pilipino. Kaya ako galit na galit talaga. Even if I'm no longer President, `pag nakita ko may isang governor o mayor diyan nagdodroga, pupuntahan talaga kita. Pupuntahan kita sa bahay.

I've done that several times, hindi lang ninyo... Noong election sabi ko, no oppression, no intimidation. Ilang mayos sinabi ko, nag-landing ako sa harap ng bahay niya, kinausap ko. Lahat ng security ko pinalabas ko ito, umalis kayo, pati `yung group commander, `yung chief ng Presidential Security Command, pinaalis ko talaga at doon binastos ko `yung...

During the last election, in-ambush niya. Eh mayaman eh, eh `di walang nangyari. So `yung asawa ngayon tumakbo, in-ambush, ang namatay `yung pamangkin. Iyong biyuda na `yun... Kaya sa TV umiiyak, "*Mayor, tulungan mo kami mayor. Ganito...*"

Eh `yung paulit-ulit ng ibang istasyon, sabi ko kay Bong, "*I'm flying tomorrow or tonight. This afternoon maghanap ka ng eroplano. Sabihin mo doon sa Air Force gamitin ko `yung chopper na...*" Kaya pinuntahan ko sila. Ganoon ang gawin ko. Pagka naglalaro ka, pupuntahan talaga kita. At sabihin ko sa iyo, `pag hindi tayo nagkaintindihan, magbarilan talaga tayo, either patayin mo ako o ikaw ang patayin ko. Mamili ka, wala akong...

Kaya gusto kong iwan `yang droga kasi `yan ang number one eh. Okay na tayo sa iba. Corruption, mayroon man, you know, sabi ko a whiff of... Kaya mga lima na Cabinet members hindi lang --- hindi lang ninyo naano kasi I said, you go quietly.

`Pag narinig lang ako na may ano, maski --- maski piso sabi ko, you go out. Five --- during the six years of my journey to the --- of the presidency, ginawa ko talaga `yan. Hindi lang ninyo alam.

Iyang 42 pastillas? Iyong nasa newspaper ngayon na sinuspend (suspend) ng Ombudsman, tinawag ko 'yan sa Malacañan. Sinabi ko kay Bong, pastillas, magbili ka ng pastillas p***** j**. Pero balutin mo sa --- sa loob ibalot mo 'yung pera. Tawagin mo 'yang mga p***** j***** 'yan kasi ipakain ko sa kanila 'yan sa harap ko.

So nandiyan na Bong, ready na sila, pinapasok ko. Ang problema, pumasok ito si Guevarra, Justice Secretary, eh masyadong pormal 'yan eh. So he is a man of integrity at alam ko kung mademanda ako niyan, he will testify about the truth, hindi 'yan sabihin ico-cover ako, talagang sabihin niya 'yung totoo.

Eh 'di sabi ko, huwag na lang. Pero ang --- ipakain ko talaga sa kanila 'yung pastillas 'yung panahon na 'yun. May isang undersecretary ganoon rin, sinipa ko --- tadyakan ko sana sa mukha, law partner pala ni Secretary Medialdea sa law office niya. Tinawag ko doon sa ano, kasi gusto kong itapon sa Pasig. "P***** j** ka." Eh sabi niya, "Kasi ano ko 'yan." So sabihin ko, "Ikaw na lang ang pumatay."

Iyan, totoo 'yan. Hindi ako nag... Hindi naman ako nagpapatapang, ganoon ako eh. It's not because that I'm trying to be exhibiting a bravado here, no. As a fiscal and as a mayor ginagawa ko talaga 'yan, kainin mo talaga 'yang pera. 'Pag extortion ka, kainin mo, lunukin mo. Ganoon doon sa Davao.

Kaya minsan --- two minutes. Paglabas ko sa Marco Polo, kami ni Bong naglalakad papuntang sasakyan kasi wala nang ma-parking-an sa labas, ang driver, harap ng Ateneo de Davao University, naka-parking siya umiiyak, kasi sinaksak daw siya. Eh maliit lang, sabi niya, "Mayor, nag..." Alam mo 'yang mga kanto-kanto? Iyong mga kanto na makita mo nagalinya, kasi kung --- kawawa naman kasi kung --- they keep on, you know, roaming around the city ang gasolina. So ang kanila terminal na lang, pero ang humahawak ng terminal diyan pulis pati 'yung mga --- 'yung mga g*** sa Davao.

Kaya sabi ko, "Sino ang nagsaksak sa'yo?" Sabi ko, "Punta ako." Sinuntok ko lahat nung mga p***, 'yung mga tambay doon. Sabi ko, "Saan 'yung nagsaksak nito?" Sabi niya, "diyan." Kumakain diyan sa road side. Iyong mga --- pagka gabi nag-sprout. So sabi --- sabi niya, "iyan."

So nilapitan ko, kinuha ko 'yung tray na may ulam pati kanin, hinampas ko sa mukha. Sabi ko, "Bakit mo sinaksak?" Sabi niya, "Sir, wala man 'yan sir. Ang knife hawakan man namin ng ganito. Pagsaksak niya, hanggang diyan lang." Eh sabi ko, "Hindi 'yan." So sabi ko, "Lumuhod ka. P***** j**,"

lumuhod ka kung hindi babarilin kita dito ngayon." Sabi ko, *"Maghingì ka ng tawad."*

Dumating itong ABS-CBN, kinunan ng footage. Hindi ko alam na ganoon man 'yan magkarga 'yang mga buang. Dito sa baba in-on. Kaya nakaluhod. Kinabukasan, lumabas sa "Magandang Umaga" doon sa Davao. Nakita ng nanay ko, tinawag niya ako, tapos galit na galit. 'Pag sinabi tinawag ka ng nanay mo, alam mo kasalanan 'yan. 'Pag sinabi mo doon ka kumain, ibang istorya 'yan.

So pagdating ko, hard hearing, 97 years old. Sabi niya, *"Rodrigo, 'yan ba ang tinuro ko sa iyo?"* Sabi ko, *"Ano, ma?"* *"Bakit 'yung --- pati 'yung inano hinampas mo raw 'yung..."* Inano is 'yung dwarf. Kasi ang akala ng nanay ko dwarf kasi nakaluhod, dito lang 'yung mukha nakita sa camera. Kinunan ng ABS-CBN lumabas sa TV.

Kaya tuloy rumami na ang kaso ko sa International Criminal Court. 'Pag hindi tayo mag-behave, talagang ganoon ang mangyari, lalo na droga, 'yun lang ang pakiusap ko. Do not allow --- each and every one of you has --- lalo na itong police pati military. Trabaho ninyo, 'yan, gawain ninyo 'yung trabaho ninyo. And do not ever, ever go into tra --- kagaya nung mga generals na dumaan.

And to think 'yung isa doon ran for senator, nagbigay pa ako ng pera because bilib ako. Only to find out when I became President that the records of the PNP nandoon sila sa naglalaro ng droga. Kaya sabi ko 'di ba? I'm fighting drugs, I never realized that I would be fighting my own government, pati sa Customs, lahat.

Kasi ito 'pag hindi mo gamitin itong bunganga mo, sa Pilipinas? How do you deal with the drug problem? Soft-spoken ka? Hijo, huwag ka nang mag... Hindi nadadala 'yang mga drug lords? Mas mabuti pa direktso.

Well, 'yung couple na --- Odicta, doon sa Iloilo. Patay 'yung mag-asawa. Sila 'yung naglalaro, pati si Mayor Mabilog. Iyong mayor ng Iloilo, tingnan mo ang p***** i***** bahay parang palasyo. Anak ka ng...

Sabi ko, tanong siya kay Bong, *"Bong, galit ba si Mayor sa akin?"* Sabi ko, *"Sabihin mo Bong, siya na ang isusunod ko."* Kaya lumayas, hindi na bumalik, lalo na ang another six years siya. Siguro 'pag nanalo 'yung kabila, he will find a refuge. But this time, kung wala na ako, sabihin ko na lang kay Inday, *"Take over. Ikaw na ang... Kunin mo 'yang trabahong..."*

Biro mo `yang Department of Education, maraming bata diyan. Do not ever allow contamination diyan sa ano. Gumamit ka ng --- if you have to do it, do it. Me, I had to do it because nobody would do it for us. Iyan ang iniwan ko sa inyo.

Sorry for the extra time, I know that you are hungry. Pareho man tayo hindi na kumain, sandwich lang --- hopia lang ako papunta dito eh. So tabla-tabla tayo. Mag-uwi na tayo.

Maraming salamat. I'd like again to congratulate my classmate. Itong si Tugade, classmate ko ito. He was the class valedictorian sa San Beda batch '72 ng kumuha ng Bar.

Kaya kinuha ko kasi ito, umpisa talaga ito ng ano lang, sa Delgado Brothers. Siyempre bright, hanggang naging president ng Delgado Corporation. Then he ventured on his own, hindi mo na kailangan na ano may kickback-kickback diyan, bilyonaryo na ito. Iba na talaga itong mga bright sa totoo lang. Marunong mag-isip, tayong 75 lang p***, hanggang diyan lang.

Eh ako totoo 75 lang. Hindi --- hindi naman ano, may 76, 77. But on the average from kindergarten --- itong si Dominguez ang valedictorian namin, kababata ko `yan, bright talaga `yan. From kindergarten kami hanggang --- hanggang sa Stanford nagtapos `yan eh. Eh naging cum laude pa.

Ako? P**** j**, seven years sa high school. Kaya kayong mga --- kayong mga --- huwag talaga ninyo ako lokohin. Hindi ako --- I'm not exhibiting a bravado in public, far from it actually. I do not want to say. Pero `yung galit ko ilabas ko talaga. T*** j**.

Alam mo sa totoo lang, human rights, sabihin mo sa mga p***** j***** `yan, drop the drugs, drop the weapons, mga NPA, and tomorrow Philippines will be like heaven. Pero kung nandiyan kayo tapos you create a problem dito you want to set up a government... Anong alam...?

Kayong mga NPA, this is not to --- eh pati `yung kuko ninyo ang dudumi hindi ninyo makuha ng nail cutter. Paano kayo magpatakbo ng gobyerno? Paano na ang ano eh --- ? Hopefully another two years the military will finish the insurgency problem. Wala akong, no doubt about it. Ngayon mahina na eh, Davao wala na.

Ang ano ko hindi ako makapunta noon sa taas, because I --- I hunt. Well though --- noong hindi pa ako Presidente, kaibigan kami kasi mayor eh. Alam mo mayor, boto lang `yan. Hindi `yan nag-ano ng kung anong ideological ano diyan. Pero na-Presidente ako sinabi ko sa kanila, this time, may linya na tayo. Diyan ka, dito ako because as President, iba na ang anyo ko.

Hindi kami nagkaintindihan, ay sabi ko, eh `di sige patayan tayo if that is what you want. But I was a friend of the NPAs.

Pero unfortunately ganoon, pati mainit na ngayon. Mainit na ho ang ano, sige na paypay `yung mga tao. Uwi na lang tayo.

And before you say the grace, do not, do not --- one of the major problems, headache of the Filipinos, drugs. There are --- alam mo `yung ---- `yung nag-surrender dito sa Maynila? Sabi ni Bato one thousand six, Manila lang `yun. It did not include the visual picture of the entire country sa addiction. Masisira talaga tayo.

Kailangan talaga... Kasi kung magsabi ka lang pakiusap, pakiusap, kagaya ng NPA, sige talks, peace talks. While we are talking, they are fighting. Ayaw mag-ceasefire, eh sabi ko, "*P**** i***, *huwag na lang. Patayan na lang tayo.*" Tatal may sundalo man ako, eh ang sundalo ko may eroplano, may helicopter. Kayo? Maski carabao wala. Ambisyoso.

Well, anyway, I have to read the... Can you wait? It's just about two minutes. Kawawa naman `yung mga babae, nag --- walang tulog ito dito nag...

Today, we mark another milestone under our Build, Build, Build program that gives us a feeling of pride and excitement.

I congratulate the Department of Transportation --- of course, Secretary Tugade ---and its partners for achieving significant progress for the Metro Manila Subway Project.

The partner, the major partner here is the Japanese government.

This will truly help the commuting public --- especially those coming from Quezon City going to the Ninoy Aquino International Airport --- to experience the convenience and comfort of a fast, efficient, and modern transportation system.

It will likewise allow travelers to save much time and energy, thereby giving them opportunities to become more productive and more focused on other worthwhile endeavors.

May I express my gratitude again to the Japanese Government for partnering with the Philippines to make this dream a reality.

I am also grateful to have the Japan International Cooperation Agency --- as I mentioned in my speech kanina, JICA --- as an ally in nation-building, particularly in initiatives that will benefit our citizens and accelerate our country's economic development.

In a few weeks, we will be welcoming the next administration with much warmth and hope that it will build on the foundations we have laid down in terms of infrastructure projects.

I now call on my fellow workers in government --- especially those who will take on the reins of power and those who will remain once I step --- once I step ahead of office --- to continue to dream and pursue big-ticket projects that will sustain our ongoing economic recovery and realize goals and aspirations of our people.

Let us then look to the future with courage, optimism, and confidence as we move towards a more progressive and robust Philippines.

Congratulations to you all. Daghang salamat and mabuhay tayong Pilipino. *[applause]*

[President Duterte returns to the podium.]

Masyadong apurado mag-uwi. 'Yung kung gusto ninyong magpa-picture --- I am not being presumptuous but 'yung gustong magpa-picture, you can

remove your mask para makita 'yung pagka-guwapo ninyo at magandang babae. 'Di bale 'yung COVID. We can always afford another round of...

Pabakuna lang kayo, okay na.

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