

MESSAGE

I am one with the Filipino people in celebrating National Heroes Day.

Today, we give honour and pay tribute to the countless men and women of extraordinary courage and valor who fought and sacrificed to establish and preserve this nation. We remember and honour each of them for the sacrifices they made in our behalf so that we may live in peace, security, and liberty as well as realize our full potential as Filipinos.

We must never forget them as their legacy of heroism lives on in the hearts of our medical professionals, civil servants, uniformed personnel, and ordinary citizens who toil daily to keep the Filipino dream alive. Their deeds not only remind us of the nobility of our race, but also invite us to take part in the difficult but rewarding task of nation-building.

We are Filipinos — a people destined to greatness. In our veins flow the blood of heroes and in our bodies reside the indomitable spirit required to accomplish incredible feats so long as we manifest our will into action. As we celebrate this day dedicated to our nation's heroes, let us strive to fulfill our own promise so that we may also be heroes in our own right and a source of pride and inspiration for the succeeding generation of Filipinos to emulate.

Mabuhay ang ating mga bayani at ang nagkakaisang lahing Pilipino!

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