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PBBM hails Eala's historic US Open victory

President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr congratulated Sunday Alexandra "Alex" Eala for becoming the country's first Grand Slam junior champion at the US Open on Saturday.

"It is with an immense sense of pride and joy that I congratulate Alex Eala on her historic win at the US Open Junior Girls' Singles Championship," Marcos said.

"Another Filipina has raised our flag, and made our nation proud. To Alex, thank you for the honour you brought us, and we, your kababayans, wish you all the best in your journey up ahead."

No. 10 seed Eala defeated Czech No. 2 seed Lucie Havlickova 6-2, 6-4 in the finals, recording another milestone for Philippine tennis.

It is the 17-year-old's first junior tournament outing since the Orange Bowl last December.

She is the Philippines' highest-ranked player on the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) at 297 in the world. | **PND**