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**REMARKS OF PRESIDENT FERDINAND MARCOS JR.  
DURING THE COURTESY CALL OF ACE POLE VAULTER ERNEST JOHN “EJ” OBIENA**  
[Delivered at President’s Hall, Malacañan Palace | 14 October 2022]

From your President and I think from the rest of the Philippines ay kami’y nagpapasalamat sa lahat ng inyong ginawa, sa dangal na idinala mo sa inyong bansa.

I think that is the greatest tribute that you can give, the greatest service as you are an athlete now, that you can give to our country is to bring honor to the Philippines.

We look forward to the Games in Paris. I hope you do well. If there is anything we can do to help you na maging mas maganda ang inyong resulta at mas maganda ang maging training, lahat ng ano, sabihin ninyo sa akin dahil napakahalaga ng inyong ginagawa.

So thank you very much and I congratulate not only you but also those of you who have supported our champion.

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