



MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

MESSAGE

I am one with the Filipino people in the commemoration of the **Day of Valor** or **Araw ng Kagitingan**.

From the battles fought in the trenches of World War II to the struggles against insurgent forces, the Philippines has faced numerous challenges that tested our faith yet showed the world the indomitable spirit of every Filipino.

Defined by our feats rather than our trials, we have emerged as a nation that stands tall and proud, guided by the principles of justice, truth, and democracy. We have staunchly proven time and again that we are never the same after each adversity for we always rise to meet every challenge head-on with grit, grace, and determination.

As the legacy of our heroes and heroines came at a great and hefty cost, may we also re-examine our values and honor their lives by speaking up against discrimination, extending help to those in need, and working towards a better future. May we also learn to make wise and sound decisions so that we may address our country's pressing problems with compassion and concern for others.

As we recollect the sacrifices of our forebears who fought long and hard to defend our nation's freedom, let us also bear in mind that our actions today determine the future of our country, including the succeeding generations. Together, let us strive towards developing a more humane, fair, and progressive society that allows our citizenry to relish their liberty and achieve their individual and collective aspirations.

May we all have a solemn and meaningful observance.



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