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**STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR. AT THE DINNER BANQUET  
HOSTED BY PRESIDENT DROUPADI MURMU OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA**

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Your Excellency, thank you for this very gracious and elegant welcome that you have prepared for me and for my delegation.

Like my father before me, I will always cherish this State Visit as living proof of our shared desire to draw closer to each other.

I am much inspired by our meetings that we held today. I look forward to bringing home the gains from our engagements and carry forward the plans and initiatives that both sides have agreed to and to pursue through the Plan of Action.

May the roots of friendship continue to deepen. Mabuhay and maraming, maraming salamat.

I have to say that we did not expect to cover much ground because we had very little time that we have had here. But I am happy to be able to report that that was not certainly not the case, and this has been one of my most productive and constructive visits that I have ever had. And I attribute this to the enduring closeness between the Philippines and India.

And in the time that we have had here, short as it was, we have discovered a multitude of possibilities and areas of potential.

And we are going to work very, very hard, together with our counterparts in the Indian government and leadership, to make all of these come to fruition to the benefit for all our peoples, both Indian and Filipino.

Maraming, maraming salamat po.

Thank you, Madam President.

Thank you to you all and good evening.

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