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**REMARKS BY PRESIDENT FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR. ON 58TH FOUNDING
ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS**
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On behalf of the Philippines and the Filipino people, I extend warm greetings to all ASEAN citizens on the occasion of the 58th Founding Anniversary of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

We take pride in the Philippines' role more than five decades ago when we laid the foundation for a region anchored on peace, cooperation, shared progress, and prosperity.

Guided by the purpose and principles of ASEAN enshrined in its Charter, we have stood together in navigating evolving regional and global challenges over the years.

Through solidarity and dialogue, we have also fostered mutually beneficial partnerships and we have advanced initiatives that uplift the lives of peoples and communities.

This year, under Malaysia's Chairship, ASEAN is steered by the themes of inclusivity and sustainability.

This reflects not only the enduring aspirations of our region, but also the shared responsibilities that we must embrace in today's dynamic and complex global environment.

As the Philippines assumes the ASEAN Chairship in 2026, we will build on ASEAN's achievements in responding to the region's evolving priorities and in facing emerging challenges.

We will uphold ASEAN principles and continue the region's legacy of lasting peace and shared progress as we navigate our future together.

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