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**SPEECH OF**  
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**DURING THE INAUGURATION OF CHEN YI AGVENTURES RICE**  
**PROCESSING COMPLEX**

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Thank you. Kindly sit down.

Agriculture Secretary Emmanuel Piñol; Solicitor General Jose Calida; Presidential Assistant for the Visayas Michael Lloyd Dino; Representative Martin Romualdez and other honorable members of the House of Representatives... I think he was left behind. Pupunta ata siya ng Davao, sasama sa akin. Maybe he went home to ask permission from his wife. Takot pala talaga sa asawa itong...

Alangalang [*How do you pronounce it?*] Municipal Mayor Lovell Anne Yu; officials and staff of Chen Yi Agventures Rice Processing Complex led by its founders Mr. and Mrs. François Patrick Renucci; other distinguished guests; ladies and gentlemen. Maayong gabii.

Ah you know as I have told you before I was utterly frank with you, when I became President that I am a night person and my day starts at 1 o'clock. And if I have many things to do, itong mga out-of-town ko well I will... I can always honor the commitments but I have to fly helicopters by night. Hopefully it has --- it was done in good stead, safe naman at umaabot naman ako sa inyo.

In today's fast paced and highly modernized society, it is imperative for us to utilize the latest technologies at our disposal in order to help our people lead better and more productive lives.

I therefore would say that I am really happy, very pleased to join all of you today as we inaugurate the Chen Yi Agventures or CYA Rice Processing Complex.

Through the joint efforts of the Department of Agriculture and the Philippine Rice [Research] Institute, we were able to make this partnership possible.

This project is a testament to our commitment to find more ways to actively respond to the various problems and challenges confronting the agricultural industry. Complex that we are taking initiatives to sustain our rice supply and ensure food security for our nation.

As the first large scale sustainable rice processing facility in the Philippines, I am hopeful that CYA will be able to help us to continuously propel the agricultural sector forward by providing our farmers with the equipment and technical assistance that they need to produce high quality rice.

I am certain that with your invaluable Partnership and the Renucci Palay Procurement Program, we will be able to truly improve the well-being of our farmers by helping them realize their role as the true drivers of agricultural development.

I hope that CYA and the local government of Leyte will continue to take further strides in spurring countryside development as well as the others in advancing the rice industry towards more progressive and modern practices.

Together, let us continue to respond to the call of nation-building by empowering the most vulnerable in our society so that all Filipinos may have an equal chance towards a better and future life.

Mabuhay kayong lahat! *[applause]*

May I --- a little bit. Are you hungry? I am. If the food is ready then I just can shorten my...

But I'd like to just also mention that si Secretary Piñol will be leaving the agriculture portfolio. Hirap ako sa Mindanao because we have created a new political entity there, the BOL or BARMM, for that matter as it is known today.

There seems to be a lag na nakikita ko, there's not much activity in really trying to devolve all --- all powers of the national government relevant to the existence of BARMM. They seemed to be... I am not saying that they are not moving. But ever so slow that I would need a point man there in the likes of Secretary Piñol.

The Mindanao Development Authority is a special entity geared towards the full development of Mindanao. With the changing political horizon there, we have to do what we promised to the Moro people.

We have for so many years been at war. We have troubles there before the BARMM. And yet to our maybe luck, and of course Allah, we are able to create the BARMM entity and there seems to be relative peace in Mindanao.

Though we have to continue to worry about terrorism. And you have to differentiate what ails Mindanao. Iyong mga revolutionary, for example, the MI and the MN, they continue to hope and we pray that we can move forward.

I like to really seek peace for everybody. I do not want war in Mindanao. It would bring nothing but bleeding human beings. Problem is itong mga traditional revolutionary, it's only an issue of land and their territory.

For the simple reason that they were --- parang na-sideswipe sila, tumagilid sila because with the coming of the Christians Mindanao who was really --- or which was evangelized by the Muslim evangelist. One hundred years behind --- oh ahead rather. And Magellan behind by 100 years in coming to the Philippines.

'Pag ikaw ay Tagalog, Bisaya but if you do not know how to talk the Maguindanao, Maranao, Sama, Kagan, Tausug, eh hindi ka taga-Mindanao. Kung ang relihiyon natin Christianity, we are not the original inhabitants of Mindanao.

The original inhabitants of Mindanao are the Moro people. Because most of them sabi ko, with the entry of the evangelist Muslims, Islam, they were converted ahead.

So like us, we call Cebu now as Cebu. But if you talk to the originals they would say, "Sugbu." That's really the --- the Ilonggo would be Hiligaynon, the Waray is the Waray, that's the name of --- historical names na 'yan eh.

Kaya tayo medyo may gulo and the Abu Sayyaf, which is really a connect of ISIS is still sowing terror. I have already placed there one division sa Sulu mismo.

There's the --- well the fighting there is brutal because, you know, itong mga ISIS, I consider them ISIS now, their penchant to decapitate their captives and people who are kidnapped. And despite of the payments, they still proceed to kill their victims.

My orders to my military and police to just simply wipe them out from the face of the Earth if we can do that. The ISIS --- I am not talking about the Moro. The Moro is the native of Mindanao. I'm talking about those Islamists who have pledged allegiance to the Baghdadi of Syria and Iraq.

Ang sabi ko sa kanila, "If they --- if they can exhibit that kind of brutality, finish them off because we do not need that kind of human beings with us." We have been out to make peace with them.

My mother is a Maranao-mestiza. My grandfather is a Chinese. My lola comes from Lanao del Sur. But I see these crazy guys, the follower of Islam, they are adopting or nurturing an ideology or it is really none at all. It is so bankrupt and it's also empty and what they know is just to kill and destroy.

Mankind is threatened. Filipinos are in danger. It's a global threat just like drugs. Now, if you are a president and you are afraid to kill or be killed, better pass it on to somebody else. I am not --- that's a question of courage, it's a not a question of --- whatever patriotism. It's just a question of how practical you can be to survive in this world.

But I would not, I said, I've been warning everybody, terrorism, drugs and all: Do not destroy my country for the three years that I am still here. Do not produce drugs for our children to eat and go crazy. P\*\* --- I will really kill you. Simple as that.

I'm addressing myself to the Human Rights, international, local or barangay: P\*\*\*\*\* i\*\* ninyo, sinasabi ko sa inyo huminto kayo. 'Pag hindi, talagang hihiritan ko kayo. Make --- remember it. Make sure...

You know, I'll just leave you two statements. I will be gone --- in three years I am out. But I'll leave you two statements that are really very important for governance: If we cannot have law and order in this country, and if the Filipino people would allow corruption still in government, my God.

Even if you give a president five, ten terms, if you remain with this kind of structure, if you --- if we cannot twist the le --- the legal system here, we can never hope to develop within the next... I don't know. Talagang hanggang diyan lang tayo

Kaya 'yang with drugs plus the problem. I have expressed, I hope I did not really offend you, but I said I regret running for president because I promised to do --- and I promised little. I did not make any grandeurs or --- sinabi ko lang 'pag nanalo ako, I will deal with corruption.

I'm dealing it until now. I just fired the president of the GSIS yesterday. I will go for the Customs again. There will be a lot of dismissals I hope. And I try to really stop the corruption in the higher crust of government.

Sinabi ko sa inyo noon, maliit lang 'yan dito sa ano... Kagaya 'yung mga tanim-bala mga ganun, well, inuna ko 'yan because it impacts directly sa tao.

As a matter of fact, wala nang bukas-bukas ngayon sa bag eh. The new way is just to swipe your passport and that's it. But because really there are so many arrivals, 42 million, we can hardly cope up. Meaning to say, we were -- we did not project or prepare that ganito karami ang pupunta sa atin dito, especially when we made friends with China and everybody in the --- in the neighborhood.

Ako nung --- nung nanalo ako, I was not sure of China because nag-away eh. Eh pinapaalis nga 'yung mga fishermen because of Aquino. Remember there was this standoff? 'Yung dalawang barko nag-agawan tayo, asserting our control. Eh there was this danger of a war because we were ready to shoot at that time, I was not yet the president.

Itong p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*\*\*\* Albert na 'to, siya 'yung nagbigay na mag-retreat tayo because mutually they agreed for China to retreat and the Philippines to go back to its original territorial limits.

What happened was that si Albert, hindi talaga niya tinignan. And the Chinese never left the place. On that day, we lost Scarborough Shoal. I was not yet the president. Doon, we lost the Scarborough and the rest. Nagdatingan sila and naabutan ni Aquino, arbitral ruling, but China says, "The China Sea is ours. It is not yours."

But sabi natin na, "We won a case, we filed against you and sa arbitral ruling nanalo kami." So ipakita mo 'yan sa Chinese, sabihin ng Chinese, "Kainin mo 'yan kasi amin itong China Sea by historical and by ancient rules."

But really, wala man tayong away sa Chinese ngayon. I'd like to ask them. You know I have been reading books, medieval times or before Christ, after Christ, and the so many wars that happened far in between the years of our existence in our generation.

Ngayon lang ako nakita ng isang --- isang country na sinolo (solo) ang isang ocean. Ngayon itong mga ulol na ito gusto nilang --- they are attacking me on the collateral na I should bar China from fishing, from destroying... Gusto nila pumunta ako doon.

O how do I enforce the arbitral ruling? Magpunta ako doon, dala ko Navy ko and I insist and say, "Hey, you guys, you go out." And China, "No, what do you want?" So magka-giyera tayo.

All the modern missiles are there in the --- 'yung Spratly. Their missiles can reach from China, Spratly to Manila in seven minutes. So what am I supposed to do? Order the --- my soldiers, navy, marines, police to go there and die? 'Yon ang gusto nila?

Wala man talaga tayong laban. Ni ang America eh ayaw eh. Despite of their itong mga overflights tapos mga pakunwari.

You know, you were already here in this planet. There were in the past, about seven years ago, in the newspapers that something was abrewing in the Spratly Islands because there was what would appear to be construction.

Lumabas na 'yon. Sabi nga ni President Aquino, "the only country who can confront China would really be America". Itong America alam nila. May Seventh Fleet sila. Bakit hindi nila pinuntahan doon sa Spratly and say, "Hey guys, you are not supposed to build an artificial islands in the high seas. That is exactly prohibited by international law, and the fact that you are constructing it within the exclusive economic zone of our friend, the Philippines."

Hinayaan nila. Ngayon na medyo nandiyan na 'yan, all the guns are there, all the missiles are mounted, they want us to enforce our fisheries law and to protect the environment there. Tanungin ko sila. Are we in possession of China Sea? Because if we are not, it's all... You are --- sabihin out of your rockers.

Itong, itong, itong si Carpio, si Albert, sila si --- pati isang Carpio, si Morales. I don't know how they would... Gusto ko ibigay sa kanila ang gobyerno. Because right at the start, my first visit to China, kasi 'yung inorder (order) ko na 63,000 M16s binara ng Amerika. Two of their congressmen stood up in Congress --- in their Congress to denounce me.

I was ordering it because all the intelligence reports indicated that there was already a buildup. Meaning to say, they were passing arms to anyone who would join the Maute.

Kaya pumunta ako sa Japan. Sabi ko mag-utang na lang ako. Wala man akong pera. Sabi ni President Xi Jinping, "Okay. I'll give you the arms, free. Walang problema, plus the bullets."

Then kulang pa. Mahiya man ako maghingi ng dagdag, I went to Russia. I went to President Putin, I said, "Sir, if you may, I have this problem." Kaya nga 'yung araw na 'yan nandoon ako sa Moscow, pumutok ang Marawi.

And luckily, I had a last minute... He came in from Georgia, which is a territory of Russia. He flew by six hours just to see me doon sa malapit sa airport. So I told him... Sabi niya, "Do not worry. I'll give you." And to this day, to this very day, China and Russia never asked even for one single toothpick. That is how geopolitics is being played.

America could have done it earlier but did not. I am surprised why. Now he wants us to tickle China at kapag pumutok itong --- ang masakripisyo, papasabugin nila 'yung Palawan kasi nandiyan 'yan sila lahat ngayon eh because it's facing the China Sea.

I am not about to order my soldiers to go to the mouths of hell to die na walang kalaban-laban. I cannot do that. Hindi ako natakot.

Pero kung magsama ito si Carpio, si Morales, si Albert, I would be happy to lead them. Kung magka-giyera talaga, hihilain ko itong mga l\*\*\*\* na ito. Dito tayo. Anyway, mamamatay man tao. Mamamatay man talaga tayo. Punta tayo doon. Make this... We'll not --- we can never win a war against China.

Kaya 'yan ang problema natin ngayon. I hope that China would not overdo things also because there is always America pushing us, egging us. Tinitikoy tayo para... "Sige, sige." Ginagawa akong bait. Anong tingin ninyo sa Pilipino, wati (earthworm)?

Ngayon sabi ko, dalhin mo 'yang lahat ng eroplano mo, barko mo dito sa China, fire the first shot at nandito kami sa likod. Sige, laban tayo kung sinong mapulpog. Totoo. America.

U --- sabi nila US-RP pact. Okay. Let America declare the war. Let them assemble all their armaments there in South China Sea. Fire the first shot and I'll be glad to do the next. May RP-US pact man kaha tayo eh di let us honor it. Do you want trouble? Okay, let's do it.

Eh may panahon man talaga na mamatay 'yung tao. But then what will happen to the America? And what will happen to the Philippines and Asia? I

really do not know. That's geopolitics eh. Laro ng ano dito. Pero hindi ako g\*\*\*.

Mabuti't at alam ninyo na hanggang... Eh wala eh, mahirap tayo eh. Siguro kung ako ang na-presidente at nabigyan ako ng 20 years, ah itong Pilipinas kada barangay may limang cruise missiles pati kanyon. *[laughter]* Totoo.

Then I would have really massacred all would stood... Kalaban hindi mo madala eh. Mag-surrender tapos babalik ka.

Kaya kung ako? Ratsadahin na lang kita. Then I will answer... Sabi nila, ma-prosecute ako sa International Court of --- International Criminal Court. Eh 'di sige. Ano man gusto ninyo? You hang me? Good. 'Yung firing squad? Mas mabuti kay maging Rizal rin ako. You feed me to the sharks? Kumakain man rin ako ng pating so tabla-tabla lang. Payback time.

Iyan ang problema ng Pilipinas. So I have three years. And when I go back, I would be firing more from the Bureau of Customs. I am just telegraphing. Then maybe ilagay ko na sa army talaga lahat 'yang nasa ano. Hindi na ako maniwala niyan they are not allowed to work.

Since I cannot depend on the idiots, what should I do? Follow the rule that itong mga army, police, hindi makadala. And if my country is sinking, you want me to follow a rule that cannot help my country? I will not.

You want to impeach me? Go ahead. Basta I said lalo na 'yung... Ako, magkadeperensya-deperensya tayo, okay lang except when it is the essence --- the very essence of the security of the state.

Do not force my hand into it. Do not force me to declare war because I have something else. I have a card which I can throw anytime. And you won't like it. But at least it will give a sense of order and maybe...

I don't know. I pray to God. Hindi ko talaga alam anong gawain ko. Pero basta first and foremost, dalawa lang kasi 'yung statement ng oath ko eh. If you reduce my oath of office it says: I have to protect the people. Second, I have to preserve the country. 'Yan lang. Hindi ako aalis diyan.

Ngayon, I'd like to thank François, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Renucci. Guys, from the bottom of my heart I'd like to thank you for helping my country. *[applause]*

And we will --- well, few in --- I said few in my life, people who would come to --- come here and try to help my fellowmen.



Kaya I feel like almost maybe it's sentimental now because I've seen the complex that you have built for my countrymen.

Ah, wala bang administrative na ano Joe sa --- ? Joe Calida is the Solicitor General. There is there two Congress and --- citizenship? 'Di ba may administrative 'yan?

Well, kindly work on it because actually Patrick François they say that you're --- Patrick is much very willing to be a Filipino citizen. *[applause]* And if we -- we can do that in a jiffy, hurry up.

Ah maybe I'll try --- experimental lang naman. If he becomes naturalized citizen, then I think he is qualified to be a member of the Cabinet. *[applause]* Then I can maybe ask Sir Patrick that you join us and help us because it's really agriculture. Most of it is really the stomach of the Filipino. *[applause]*

If you want, maybe I can cut corners and... Wala bang administrative diyan? Kay kung maaari lang executive order na. 'Di, let me see. I can always talk to --- ah there's Senator Go. Bong, pasalamat ka sa mga tao. *[applause]*

Bong is also Chinese. At least half --- his grandfather. Tignan mo raw Bong. Maski ganito... No, it's not really a big deal but somehow 'yung tulong na ganito comes --- comes few and rare.

Eh kung ganun siya makagawa ng ganito, and if we can have a --- this kind of complex in our rice-producing centers all over the Philippines, I think that by that time, I would insist that we raise him to the level of sainthood. *[laughter and applause]*

Meron bang saint --- Saint Patrick has the church in New York? You've been there? Ah okay. Well, let us reduce it to a better... I'd like to remain --- to rename you Patricio. Not to compete with the American's name.

Really, I'd like to thank you from the bottom of my heart. And if we can work together, if you want to stay in the Philippines, and I said considering the amount that you have invested... I'm not that rich but I can give you another 1.5 billion to do your thing as long as...

Well, I'm sure that this thing is without any wrongdoing. You know the usual 'yung corruption, and that is what I don't like. So but in your hands, I've seen how the 1.5 billion, how it was used.

And I said if we can have that... We have the money. Not much, but we have the money, and we can replicate that in about... Well, I am putting him to task in Mindanao. And if we have something like that, maybe, just maybe...

You know I'd like to --- this is really a copied one, a plagiarized --- but I'd like to use this in different modes of sentence.

Your endeavor, your task, what you are doing really brings you nearer to beauty, and I'm sure closer to God.

Thank you. *[applause]*

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