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SPEECH OF PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE DURING THE 31st ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR)

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Salamat po. Kindly sit down.

You know I, before I begin to talk, I'd like to share with you vignettes of life, tidbits. You know, if there are two persons who know me better than myself, actually it's the two generals sa --- who's with me on the stage.

Si General Del Rosario was the Task Force Davao. Task Force Davao was a child of violence. And that was the time when Gloria Arroyo became mad at us and asked me why the bombing was very incessant and without let-up.

And I said, "Ma'am, this is Mindanao. I'm having a problem. There's a Muslim insurgency we're trying to solve and hopefully government can start the talks again." And that led to the BBL thing and until now it's pending in Congress.

Si Roy naman was assigned there as a Brigade Commander during this turbulent times and we became fast friends. So when I became President, I chose the men na...

Alam mo, I do not have any --- do not be offended. I do not have anything against the bureaucracy of government, the civil sector. But sometimes, projects can be very messy and at times it would go awry and then don't know what.

So nung si Ma'am Gina tinanggal ng Commission on Appointments. It was --- maybe because she **came** very strong against the business sa mining industry. I think there was a conspiracy to remove her. And they did.

Well anyway, the rest is history. She was doing well. She was going against moneyed people and she was against the destruction of her native land.

We share the same passion, so when it came to choosing the guys, karamihan halos ng Cabinet members ko mga military, 'yung kakilala ko. Esperon was a friend, I knew him **at** Cimat, Del Rosario, si Lorenzana, they were once upon a time assigned in Davao City.

At ako naman being as mayor, nakipag --- well, inuman tapos pasyal, pasyal ng gabi. Si Cimat, hindi na umuwi sa kampo. *[laughter]* I don't know where he would spend the night. But doon 'yung kanya sa bukid 'yung kampo niya, eh brigade. Mawab, that's the place. And I don't **know** if he would have to travel in the wee hours of the morning just to get home. But he joins me almost every night.

Mawab is about --- *[Ilan, mga six, 72 kilometers]* 72 kilometers from the city of Davao itself. And he would travel at night because there were no enemies in the evening. The NPAs are all tired and most of them have problem with their **eyes**. Merese 'yan sa kanila. And they can only fight with...

Well anyway, and si Ed naman was the Task Force Davao Commander. Naabutan pa niya si Inday. *[Ah si... Hindi mo naabutan si Inday?]* Mabuti rin 'yun kasi nanununtok 'yun.

I remember a general, kaibigan rin niya. She was already mayor, vice lang ako noon. Kakaanak lang ni Inday, itong [Oca?] na 'to, niloko. Sabi niya, palibhasa mistah niya eh. Sabi niya, "Day, 'Day Mayor, payat ka na ngayon." Eh tumaba kay bagong anak. Sinuntok si...

Me, personally I have a good rapport with the military. Not all of them but those who were assigned or one time sojourned in Mindanao in the course of their tour of duty, nakilala ko 'yan sila lahat.

And 'yun nga, minsan may problema like the Marawi thing. There was this --- alam ninyo ni Ma'am Gina pati ni Ma'am Briones. There was this Cabinet member who was giving me a structure of Task Force Marawi then operation, administration, finance tapos dito. Ang matrix niya umabot na doon sa sahig.

Sabi ko, "P*****..." [laughter] Tapos sabi ko kay Bong, "Tawagan mo nga si..." Secretary Del Rosario at that time was undersecretary sa Defense. I called him to my office and said, "Look at that matrix, Ed." Sabi niya --- sa Marawi. Sabi ko, "Iyo lahat 'yan." I will assign you. Ikaw lang. Gawin mo lahat 'yan.

So in a few days, meron akong na-produce. Galing ma'am sa iyo, I was looking for --- though she's not as passionate in public as you, in expressing your anger and your desire to save our country, the native land.

And so I'd like to reiterate to you again what I said during the last meeting sa Cabinet that there will be a time, I still have time left, that I will have to ban open-pit mining. Kasi sisirain ko 'yan. Because they will...

Alam mo ma'am, 'pag nag-travel ka in Mindanao by chopper, makita mo 'yung parang tansan ng Coca-Cola 'yan sa bukid. Parang damahan and almost without let-up until the boundaries near... Puro butas 'yan.

Ang sabi ko nga kay Roy, sabi ko: Roy, there has to be a time that we have to decide just to tell them frankly. Anyway, we're getting something like 70 billion sa mining industry. Makukuha natin sa ibang bagay siguro 'yan. I mean with the hard work of Dulay and Lapeña, I think that we could --- maybe at least a third of what we would have lost if we...

But open-pit mining is really destroying the land. It catches --- it's like a water basin. It catches the water, loosens the soil. And every now and then, you have this landslide.

Ang pobrang Pilipino doon, wala talagang kalaban-laban because they also live near the mining where the open-pit is being operated. Alam ng mining people 'yan na talagang hihintuin ko 'yan.

Maybe they'd try to revive it at some other time, but it's not really my concern anymore. I'll just do what I have to do during my time.

And dito sa Boracay, kayong na-assign po doon kindly convey this message to them. We do not have any iota, maski pinakaliit na... Government is just decided to do what is really correct and proper. We have bannered Boracay as a crown jewel of a tourist destination. Huwag na 'yung iba.

'Yung sa Times Beach ko sa Davao, it's filled with humanity. And only because we're getting so many in number. Wala talaga tayong magawa. We have breached the 100 million mark. It's now 105 or 10 depending on your statistics. Eh saan ito pupunta?

And yesterday I read somebody said that we have to implement the family planning. Alam mo sa totoo lang, the family planning, with due respect. Ayaw ko makipag-away. It has something to do with the objection of religions, not all. I would not mention the faith because again I would not want to quarrel with them. Wala ka man makuha dito sa mga g***** 'to puro salita lang.

So ako, sabi ko pa noon, ako sa Davao maniwala kayo. Meron akong --- totoo 'yan. Itanong niyo mga taga-Davao. Ang drawer ko puno 'yan sa birth control pills. Sa bahay may maglapit doon, magsabi --- "Trabaho," sabi ko.

"Buntis ka?"

"Hindi."

"Ilan ang anak mo?"

"Tatlo."

"Okay, ito muna gamitin mo in the meantime."

Tapos may social worker, sabihin ko, "Take care of this girl." Bigyan kita singko mil. Totoo 'yan. Ang top donor si Sonny Dominguez. I don't know why baka maraming anak 'yan sa labas 'yang g***** 'yan.

Kasi 'yan top donor ko. But he believes in it. He **believes** in it so he contributes. Classmate ko kasi 'yan eh since maliit pa kami. He was our valedictorian. Bright talaga 'yan. Hanggang kindergarten, valedictorian **namin** 'yan.

And he used to send me money, 500,000, 700,000. Tulong lang. Kasi at that time, it was hard to get 'yung --- kung bakit naputol. It's because of the influence dito sa taas.

And that is why one of my reasons why I do not like itong --- the creeping influence of faith is that they sometimes run counter to what government believes to be good for the people. At least in this temporal life, okay na 'yan sa heaven.

Pero alam mo, wala akong nakitang kaibigan ko sa karami ninyo, tsaka 'yung mga [*garbled*] na pumunta doon tapos may sinabi may langit, tapos may impierno doon. Kung may makasabi niyan dito mag-resign ako Presidente bukas. Immediately.

May masabi na "May nakita ako na..." You know, your God is not my God. Because ang religion **ko** is basically a formative process including the values that I --- that was passed on to me or I got from my parents.

Hindi masyado doon sa eskwelahan because there we were fondled and caressed. So at --- sa second year wala na kami. Ako wala na ako, hindi na ako naniniwala sa ano. Because we were really molested. Two years above and two years below, that's about mga five years.

If you look into your internet now, now. Look for Harry Falvey. Harry is the name. Harry. F-a-l-v-e-y. Tingnan mo makita mo diyan, the cases that they have lost in America. Talo sila ng 25 million dollars because 'yung mga nabiktima pumalag at nag-demanda. They were fined 25 million dollars. That's why nabangkarota ang...

Pero kami naman hanggang hipo lang. Sa totoo lang, hinipo talaga.

"What are your sins my son?"

"My sin father is I have an... because **you** are fondling it. That is why it is rising to the challenge of the day."

Ganun lang. Pero wala akong away sa...

That's about five generations of us, lahat kami. Lalo na 'yan si Dominguez kay tisoy, hala. Pula-pula 'yan kung matapos, maglabas ng confessional.

Well anyway, 'yun ang ano ko doon sa... It's because too much influence.

Kaya talaga ako, pumapalag ako because I have a history na. So I know the hypocrisy so medyo ano ako.

Tapos ngayon, ganun na lang ang ano nila sa akin --- not now, even before the elections. I was the bad guy but --- hanggang ngayon at napuno na talaga ako. Ayun, bumwelta ako. At kung bumwelta ako, bastos na. At 'yung bunganga ko talaga, bastos na dati. Eh kay laking kanal kami. We are just migrants in Davao. I grew up in a slum area before God gave us a little break in life.

So may nakakilala sa akin dito. If I want a project done, sabihin ko sa kanila --- pagka sinabi ko, "Gawain mo 'yan Roy kasi kailangan natin." Gagawain niya 'yan. Same with Del Rosario.

Sabihin ko, "You finish 100 houses in one month. Gawain mo 'yan." Gagawain talaga 'yan. Kaya wala nang... Pero magpunta ka doon sa director ng ano, makipag-debate pa sa iyo.

Well hindi naman ako mahilig makipag-away, sabi ko, "okay." Kaya when the presentation was made, I said, "It's okay." But after that, I said, "Call Del Rosario." Sabi ko, "Do it."

Kaya puro military na halos ang --- iilan na lang kaming Bisaya naiwan diyan, puro Ilocano na ang mga 'to. [laughter] Oo. Ako, si ma'am, Pernia, si Evasco, 'yung komunista na pari. May komunista diyan. Evasco is a communist, actually. Ilan lang.

Kokonti nga. Karami diyan mga Ilocano. Because ang Ilocano kasi at ang Ilonggo ang pinakamaraming tao sa Armed Forces. The warriors of our race are the Ilocano and the Ilonggo. Abaw linte kamo sang Ilocano ha? Fire didto, fire ngari. Patay tanan. [laughter]

Maingay lang ang Ilonggo. Kaya 'yung mga Ilonggo, damo sang issue. But the Ilonggo of Mindanao is far different from the Ilonggos of Panay island. Hindi magkapareho ang ugali niyan.

Ang Ilonggo ng Mindanao pala --- ganador talaga. Eh matter of survival sila doon eh. Kaya talagang ano. The Ilocanos are more moderate --- warriors pero kalmado. Mga Ilonggo ang tigas. Mga Cebuano kagaya ko, mga talawan. [laughter] Wala akong nakitang sundalo na...

Kailangan sabihin ko, "Sinong Bisaya dito?" Diyan sa ospital mag-award ako kasi gusto ko unahin. "O sino? Bisaya?" Wala. Bisaya mahusay lang sa reklamo pati inom. [laughter] Suberbiyo ho ang Bisaya. Damo sang istorya, way man... Way action. [laughter] Cebuanong y***. [laughter]

My father is a Cebuano. He comes from Danao. As a matter of fact, when I ran for President, I never had any single barangay captain siding with me in the hometown or in the municipality or city. It's now a city.

Dito sa Maranao, it's the mother side, nag-landslide ako sa lahat ng Moro land. Lahat --- Jolo, Basilan, from where my ancestry comes from. My lolo is a Chinese, ang lola ko ang Maranao. Sa lahat ng sa Moro land nanalo ako.

Ang sa Cebuano, wala akong barangay captain pero pag --- sabi nga ng aide ko si Bong. [Saan na ito si Senator Bong?] [laughter] Naligo? Hindi ito para ligo. Ah, natakot. Nag-CR. Kanina pa? [laughter] Nalibang 'yan, hindi nag-ih. [laughter] Kanina pa pala eh.

Well, Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Roy Cimatu. And by the way, I'd like to greet... Ikaw Roy, simple ka lang talaga. Noon ka pa. Kumusta 'yung Waray mo? [laughter, cheers and applause] Isabi ko na lang open book tayo, publicly sir. [laughter]

Nag-motor kami ng Davao to Leyte, motor lang. Kaming dalawa. May tig-dalawa kaming security. So dalawa 'yung akin, dalawa ang kanya. Motor kami papuntang... Tapos pagdating sa Tacloban nawala man si Roy. [laughter] Andito misis mo? [laughter] Andito misis mo? Wala? Wala ang misis mo? [cheers, laughter and applause]

Sabi ko sa sundalo, "Saan na 'yung p***** na Roy Cimat na 'yun?" Sabi ni ano... "Isabi na lang natin, sus. [laughter]

"Sir, pumasok diyan sa 'yung beauty parlor na 'yan diyan o." [laughter]

Nung sinilip ko --- kasi kasama kami eh. Sinilip ko doon, may maganda talaga. [laughter] Maganda. Pumupunta pa ba dito? Hindi na? Pumupunta ba dito? Hindi na ? [cheers, laughter and applause] Sabi mo, wala na. Lahat man. Lahat. Ay sus, maniwala ka. [laughter]

Lahat 'yan diyan sa --- meron 'yan. [laughter] Totoo. Walang... maniwala kayo. [laughter] Kaya --- walang lalaki na...

Ako, dalawang asawa, apat na --- 'di tatlo na lang kasi nag-separate na kami nung isa. [laughter] Bale dalawa na lang naiwan.

Kung mawala 'yan sila lahat, ma'am Gina [laughter] sabihin ko tala --- Totoo. If at the end of my term wala na akong gawin, blank wall na ako eh. Hindi naman ako makapagtakbo. Wala namang maniwala sa akin. 'Yung pinatay ko, papatayin man rin ako ng mga p***** i**** 'yan. [laughter] O, TV o. Wala pa akong pinatay ha. [Kung may?] papatayin ako.

So 'pag wala nang kaligayahan, isa lang man ang kaligayahan ng tao, ma'am. It's usually the... Kung wala na 'yan, I would even tell God, "God, kill me now or mag-aaway tayo." [laughter] Sabihin ko talaga 'yan 'pag wala na.

Paporma-porma ka diyan na... Eh kami, mag-motor-motor, baril-baril pa diyan, makipagbarilan diyan sa mga hold-upper.

Pero kung wala nang action, ah porma lang man 'yan kay Duterte, wala. No more 'yan sabi ng mga babae. Wala na. I... please join me, all of you. 'Yung wala nang silbi, wala nang kalipay, [laughter] wala na'y kalipay, wa'y kaluoy, wa'y ligo. Wala na 'yan.

The honorable members of the House of Representatives, Natural officials --- ito maganda --- my co-workers in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Huwag na tawagin natin, tsaka ako huwag na ninyo akong tawagin. We are all workers of government.
Mga kasama ko sa gobyerno, mga kababayan.

Eh basahin natin ito kay ang mag-gawa nito nandiyan sa likod. [laughter] Kung hindi mo basahin 'tong --- eh dalawang pages. Alang-alang naman... Nandiyan si Ma'am Gina, nandiyan si ma'am Briones, at ang aking Majority Floor leader noon si Mayor Belmonte. Kasama kami sa 11th Congress. Magsabay --- kasabay kami.

I join the officials and staff of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources --- ito 'yung kanya na ha [laughter] --- as you celebrate 31 years of meaningful and dedicated service to the Filipino people.

For more than three decades, you have been government's effective arm in ensuring the proper conservation, management, development and use of the country's environment and natural resources.

Through your efforts, we ensure that the benefits of nature are shared by all Filipinos today as well as the future generations.

May I cut here? Alam mo 'yang Boracay, sinasabi ko, "allow government to clean it. And after that, I will return Boracay to its rightful owners."

Now the problem is how to determine who owns what. 'Yan ang problema ngayon. So there has to be a committee to be fair to everybody. From the local government then from the origins of any title there.

Because ang problema niyan, ang --- the island of Boracay, according to President Arroyo at sa akin, my stand is that Boracay has never been open to any commercial exploitation. Walang residential. It remains forestal and agriculture.

'Yan ang problema ngayon pagkatapos kong i-turnover. Wala kaming interest diyan. Do not ever believe this s***, itong mga --- they weave a lot of tales about giving it to big business.

I will not allow gambling. I will not even give it to big business. Let us determine first who owns the place. If there is any title and it gets to be muddy to really dwell into it and question everything, well I leave it to the local governments to decide or to the Congressman.

But to maintain its viability, since I said we proclaim it to the world as a crown jewel of our tourist destinations here, it is our moral obligation to make it clean, hygiene and safe.

Eh pinagyayabang kasi natin eh. So kailangan linisin natin. We banner it throughout the world, "Go to Boracay," and it's full of s***.

Ako kasi bakit? When I was campaigning, I went there. Ang hangin malakas and I was standing. Gabi na 'yun eh, napadaan kami. I was waiting for a flight to go to Cebu.

"Bakit ang baho?" So ginanun ko 'yung tubig. I was sensitive --- ever since I stopped smoking, sensitive ako masyado sa --- there's a smell that does not fit.

Sabi ko --- tapos 'yung pina-test ko na, the bacteria was all over.

And I was... Silently I ordered an agency to conduct tests. Ang sabi nila, talagang hugaw, madumi. So I decided to just simply --- said that we'll have to rehabilitate Boracay.

But after that... Walang interesado. Wala akong interest diyan ni singko sentimo. I'll just clean it but that is... Here's the catch, Boracay is a small place. I mean the coastal line, the ones that we take advantage of to make it commercial.

But if you give Boracay an overload of humanity, sigurado it cannot handle it. Ang mga mayaman magbili 'yan doon ng mga lupa, little... Malayo. Eh Boracay is Boracay. So mga guesthouse, they will build a chalet, bungalow, kung anong maliliit na bahay.

'Yung sa strip maybe because that would be heavily regulated. Pero kung 'yung doon sa labas, sa likod, kung i-overload mo 'yan, Boracay can only handle so much.

They have to go to septic tanks again. Eh gravity, saan pupunta ang tubig? If you have a huge water treatment, then let it go there. But if not, it goes down again to the... Maliit lang 'yang strip, kita mo naman. It cannot handle an overload of humanity.

So ang gagawin ko, 'yung likod, tutal naumpisahan na lang rin, it's a land reform area. Hayaan mo muna 'yan until such time na... 'Yung strip, I would leave it to Congress to decide.

If you want to cut a strip there and declare it commercial. Inland from the --- well the water, low tide, high tide, paatras ka maybe half a kilometer or a kilometer wide. That's up to Congress to decide how much Boracay can handle.

It cannot handle so much people. I leave it but ako I will distribute it to sino ang may-ari niyan sa [original?]. If not then I give it to the Mangyans. Sila 'yung una diyan eh. So that's their land.

Ganun ang plano ko. 'Yung commercial viability, Congress has to decide. Ayaw kong mag-decide.

For more than three decades, you have been the government's effective arm in ensuring the proper conservation... Along with your seven attached agencies, I hope that DENR shall continue to faithfully fulfill its mandate despite external pressures from stakeholders with competing interests. I assure you that you have my full support in this endeavor.

Huwag kayong matakot mag-trabaho. This I can guarantee you: However busy I am, if you do your duty in accordance with law and you are facing a suit or you are being sued at maniwala ka talaga trabaho mo 'yan, just tell me **the** truth and I will defend you. Sigurado 'yan. *[applause]*

From now on, nobody, nobody... Alam mo ganito 'yan eh. Transactions... At the end of the day kung sino masabit diyan? Treasurer pati assessor, and the minor officials, the mayor goes free. 'Yung iba...

I am not saying it's corruption, but I do --- I don't know if it's money or indeed it is corruption. Ang mapreso diha ang --- 'yung mga maliliit. I know because I've been mayor for 23 years and my father before was governor of Davao.

So wala pa 'yung Davao del Norte, del Sur, Oriental, Com Val Valley, Davao City, Occidental. It used to be one huge place. Ang mga empleyado diyan were housed in a capitol, just beside the city hall in Davao City.

So 'yung nag-retire noong mga bata pa, makita ko sila sa Maynila pumunta sa akin.

"Sir, tabangi mi sir."

Nakikita ko 'yung mga barong punit-punit na.

"Anong nangyari?"

"Sir, ganito kasi sir eh. Alam mo naman sir, pirma lang talaga kami. 'Pag sinabi ng mayor sir, pirma, pirma kami. Wala man kaming choice."

So pagdating sa bagsakan, sila talaga ang malaglag. Kaya ganun ang --- that's a typical day dito sa... I don't know how we will resolve it but there has to be a solution for all of this. There has to be something out there na... 'Yung **mga** ganun 'yan.

Pero kung kayo masabit, sabihin lang ninyo sa akin ang totoo.

"Anong nangyari?"

"Kasi administrative."

O sige. 'Pag totoo you'd... administrative, you go --- you appeal from one office to another until you reach my office. At kung tingnan mo at sabihin mo ang totoo, I will order the dismissal of the case.

Ngayon kung criminal, tulungan kita. *[applause]* In the same manner 'yung mga pulis pati military, I will never. I will never, never, never allow a policeman or a soldier to go to prison for doing their duty. *[applause]*

You can bet **your** life. Or itong mga buang na g***** pulis mag-kidnap, unahon ko 'yan, patayin --- unahon, una. Mauna kayo sa impiyerno. Talagang hihiritan ko... General, general. General problem lang kayo diyan eh.

'Yang mga official, diyan ako galit. I've warned you, I have told you do not destroy my country because I will kill you. Do not destroy the young, **our** children because they're our only asset.

Ito sila mag-retire 'to at the age of 56. Retire lahat 'yan. Ayan Chinna, ito **Annapolis** 'to. Graduate ng **Annapolis** 'yan, Philippine Navy, 'yung aide ko

Age of 56 mag-retire. Eh bago lang ito nag-asawa. So by the time 56 siya, may mga naiwan pa 'yung mag-anak siya ng tatlo o apat. Kaya karamihan 'yung mga --- mga sundalo tanungin mo, "Ilan asa ---- ilan anak mo?"

"Isa lang sir, dalawa lang."

Ganun 'yan sila. Kawawa. Talagang ano nila kasi... Unang-una hindi man nila mabisita, most of the time they are there fighting and they're trying really.

Kasi at the age of 56, may nag-aaral pa, how much do you get? Si Bato, 14 million. Maybe ako, dagdagan mo ng konti kasi pegged to the highest salary. Mas mataas pa nga ang sweldo ng general kasi dinoble ko. Pag-doble ko sa sweldo nila, mas mataas pa sweldo nila sa akin. Sa mga buang 'di mag-trabaho.

Ngayon 'pag age of 56 diyan na nila kunin ang pagkain nila, ang medisina nila. At the age of 56, 57, 58, 59, 60. At 60, in five years, papasok na ang diabetes because of --- hypertension, papasok na ang liver. Ayan... Ang dialysis lang, every week then everyday.

Tapos 'yung mga kapatid natin doon lumabas, nagtitiis. They are being raped. Araw-araw 'yan. That is part of the territory. Sinabi na sa akin 'yan noon pa congressman **ako**. Hindi ko lang sinabi. Ayaw kong masaktan 'yung...

Rape. They endure no food, tapos walang cellphone, binubugbog.

Kaya ako, I'm grateful to --- I'd like to make it public. I'm grateful to Kuwait. Pumayag sila sa lahat ng demands ko.

One day off, they cannot be con --- 'yung phones pati passport will not be confiscated. They can cook their own food. Meron pa sila a day of --- 'yung mga Kristiyanos, magsimba. They gave it also...

Pupunta ako ng Kuwait, sandali lang. Just passing by, commercial lang ako, just to say thank you.

So 'yan. Tapos padala sila nang padala ng pera dito. And they endure the indignity of being used. You know, ang tatay pagkaumalis sa pamilya, this family becomes dysfunctional. 'Pag mag-alis 'yung asawa, this family is totally dysfunc...

Iwan lang 'yung mga anak sa mga auntie, sa mga pinsan, neighbor and they grow up with nobody steering their life at least the correct...

Tapos padala, padala ng pera, ito namang mga y*** na ito, ginaganun nila araw-araw. You know, shabu is a commodity for the poor. Sasabihin nila, "Bakit 'yan si Duterte pinapapatay 'yung mga mahihirap?" 'Yan ang kanilang commodity. Ang mga mayaman ngayon is cocaine.

But they can do it in the faraway, in the islands, they can go to a secluded island. Eh ito, dito gumagamit, eh dito talaga sila madisgrasya. Just use your logic properly.

Kaya ako galit. Kaya sinabi ko 'pag ganun ang nangyari despite of their sacrifice, pagdating nila dito ganun pa rin, adik na ang anak nila, you add a problem, the family is in shambles.

You know why? The distance. Ang unang mangaliwa niyan, ang lalaki. Pagdating niya dito may asawa na 'yang iba. Karamihan. Tiyak ang DS --- tanungin mo.

Marami na 'yan silang kalokohan. Either kapitbahay or... And sometimes, sometimes, I do not want to --- 'pag nawala ang nanay the eldest daughter pagka dalaga na becomes the surrogate mother.

Kaya kung ikaw ang Presidente, ibigay mo sa akin 'yung ganung kalokohan ninyo, you make them crazy and their sacrifices go to waste. Anong gawin ko?

I note the significant accomplishments of the DENR in rehabilitating Boracay Island, in pursuing responsible mining, and in clearing and ensuring the equitable distribution of the resources of Laguna de Bay.

When I was a student... Ma'am, kung mainit ma'am dito na lang kayo. Eh.., Tulungan ninyo 'yan sila 'yung... Dito na lang kayo sa stage. We share the... Sa totoo, inato lang ito, hindi naman talaga 'yan...

Army lang ito ma'am o, puro army 'yan. You transfer here or you might... *[Guard, paki nga. Tulungan ninyo. Security, tulungan ninyo 'yang...]*

Maya-maya magtaka pa 'yung ano, bakit ka naligo sa beach na 'yan. 'Di mo ako sinama. *[laughter]* And you guys over there, you can transfer here. O ang blowout natin ha, maraming titulo 'yan. *[laughter]* Maski humba lang ma'am. Humba ang paborito ko.

I congratulate you and I'm very happy for you.

The DENR has also taken the lead in the efforts to ensure social equity with regard to our country's land resources. Through Handog Titulo 2018, I commend the DENR and Roy, he's been very good to the people *[applause]* --- has distributed land.

Kung sabagay, totoo lang. Alam mo sa totoo lang, marami mang mahusay dito. Vincent Crisologo, mga congressman. Eh 'di i-elect ninyo sila pero ako kung totoo, maghanap ako na --- walang lokohan ha. Maghanap ako ito mga 'to trabahante. Walang daldal. *[applause]* Walang debate sa Senate. Debatehin mo, barilin ka. Eh sanay ng baril 'yan. *[laughter]* Wala ni daghang istorya.

I congratulate the recipients of the patents and titles and I hope that these can help them improve the quality of their lives and that of their families.*[applause]*

May this momentous occasion inspire the department even more to continue supporting the development agenda of the administration --- any administration for that matter, hindi lang sa akin --- so that we can uplift the lives of our kababayans and give them the decent and comfortable lives they rightfully deserve and to whom this moment rightfully belongs to you.

Pero ngayon lang ako nakakita. Ang rami pala ninyong... Ang sa may... Kindly raise your right hand, 'yung sa Manila na-assign. Manila, Manila lang ang assignment, nandito.

Kanina marami man diyan Manila. Huwag kayong mag-lie. Tsk. Ayyyyy.

Malawak pala ang --- malawak ang ano nito... *[Ano bang tawag ng lasang sa Tagalog? Lasang?]* Gubat. Ay sus. Eh hindi kayo marunong mag-Ta --- mag-Bisaya itong mga... Mag-aral kayo ng Bisaya para magkaintindihan tayo. *[laughter]*

Hindi ko alam malawak pala ang gubat sa Maynila. Marami kayo ah. Mas... Doon sa region na --- Well anyway, I hope that you can respond really to the needs of the people. 'Yan lang naman ang ano natin.

Kami, we are just a passing... Mga politiko, wala kami. Either we, we... It's for our consumption lang 'yan. If we are fulfilled by doing our duty or we end up like nobody's business.

Together, let us work hard to ensure the proper use and management of our country's natural resources while achieving sustainable and equitable development for all.

Mabuhay ang departamentong DENR! *[applause]* Mabuhay si Cimatú! *[crowd: Mabuhay!]* At ang kanyang Waray, mabuhay! *[laughter]*

Can you... May I please request you to stand up? Hindi, hindi ako nagloloko. And for --- just to give him a day of his life. It is his birthday. Magkanta lang tayo happy birthday. *[Sings happy birthday]*

And if I'm mistaken, my eyes are not really very good. So si Secretary Alunan, he's there at the back? `Wala? Ah kamukha lang. *[laughter]* My eyes are not ano na. Medyo... I'm 73 years old sir.

Pero kung maganda ka, pareho kay Ms. Badoy, makikita kita maski doon sa malayo. Sa lalaki, hrap lang talaga ako.

So thank you for your invitation. I hope I have given you something. I said it's just the vignettes of life where you can sleep on it tonight.

Salamat po. *[applause]*

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