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**SPEECH OF  
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE  
DURING THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE NATIONAL ROTC SUMMIT  
AND  
1<sup>ST</sup> PRESIDENTIAL SILENT DRILL COMPETITION**

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Kindly sit down. Salamat po.

Commander, give the order of tikas pahinga.

Thank you.

Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea; Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana; Interior and Local Government Secretary Eduardo Año and the other members of the Cabinet; Senator Bong Go; Manila City Mayor Francisco "Isko"; AFP Chief of Staff General Noel Clement and the major service commanders; the officers and enlisted personnel and civilian employees of the Armed Forces of the Philippines; invited guests; mga mahal kong kababayan.

I am pleased with the efforts of the Presidential Management Staff and the Presidential Security Group, their partners for spearheading the First Presidential Silent Drill Competition.

It is just fitting that we hold this maiden event as the Armed Forces of the Philippines concludes the National ROTC Summit that showcases the gallantry, bravery and spirit of volunteerism of young men and women all over the country.

Let me break from the prepared speech. Kayo bang mga bata at mga magulang, do not ever --- you know, this is our only country. At hanggang ngayon there are people who are terrorists trying to destroy our way of life. Kayong mga bata, huwag kayong magpadala diyan sa mga ideolohiya na barat. Dumaan na kami diyan. I was one of those.

Pero later on, I realized that nothing else would be good except to have law and order and one government. Alam mo, they promised anything and everything including --- sumasali sa gobyerno and then [submitting?] papers towards a coalition government. Hindi mangyari 'yan sa buhay ng ating bayan. Hindi talaga ako papayag kailanman. *[applause]*

Let me especially commend the winners and participants of the Competition as well as those who joined the Summit. Well, of course PMA won, my congratulations. But I'd like the others we have --- well and more of this in the days to come.

Alam mo ganito 'yan eh. I was inspired when I went to China. Kasi every sundown, meron silang drill. A drill before the flag is lowered. And people congregate every afternoon to see the drill performed by the different units assigned for that day.

I want it done every day. May magtingin man o wala, do it for the country. I want you to go into a sort of an activity to honor Rizal at ang ating bayan. Do it and I order it every day. It will be spearheaded by the Armed Forces of the Philippines and those who'd like to participate.

And I pay well. It is not because binabayaran ko kayo. But to give you an incentive to perform well before the public. Sabi ko kung may manuod maganda, kung wala just do it because I might just be there in the corner to watch it. And I feel proud of my soldiers and my policemen. And that is why... *[applause]* I will never compromise the way of life of the Filipinos.

It might not really be the perfect one. Alam mo, mali dito, mali doon. Me, I have my faults, plenty. But never, never about money. Ibang bagay siguro.

These undertakings highlight the importance of the ROTC Program in [inculcating] in the hearts of young Filipinos critical values for nation-building such as perseverance, discipline, excellence, leadership, and loyalty and patriotism.

Alam mo, isa akong tamad na tao. I hate to wake up each Saturday to go into a training sa ROTC. But now I realized na importante 'to. Meron tayong pumasok na sundalo talaga. At walang ginawa, nag-aral 24 oras kung paano pumatay, paano --- you know, kill the enemy and all sorts of things.

Pero kulang ito sila. In a total outbreak, itong mga 'to, nandoon sa frontline at hindi mo malaman kung maubos ito sa isang bomba lang o isang machine gun. We have to have a reserve force which can be mobilized anytime.

Kaya 'yung mag-lead ng mga ROTC pati civilians, kayo. Or if you want that -- to go into real being soldiers. But alam mo sila nag-aral ito pagka-sundalo, professional. Tayo naman, nag-aral tayo ng pagka --- AB, abogado. Kailangan tayo na kumuha ng ROTC, undergo the training kasi alam mo, pagdating ng panahon, alam mo magkasa ng Armalite, alam mo mag-dismantle kung masira, at alam mong bumaril.

Even the discipline, alam ko na napipika ka, sigaw-sigawan ka. But take it that's part of life, the training. What I like is 'pag dumaan kayo ng ROTC, meron kayong respect of authority, echelon as it goes higher and discipline.

'Yun 'yung mga bata na ayaw, hayaan ninyo 'yan. So there will always be a time for an accounting in this country.

'Pag nagkagulo ito, kung hindi nila malaman saan sila pumunta, problema nila 'yan. Problema nila 'yan. Kayong kumuha ng ROTC religiously, pero maging doctor ka, engineer, abogado. Because hindi naman pwede na pumunta ka ng PMA tapos ang gusto ng tatay mo, para maganda ang buhay ma-doctor ka rin kagaya ng tatay mo. Kagaya ng tatay ko, naging abogado at ang anak ko si Inday naging abogada. Ganun 'yan.

So you cannot go to the PMA and become a full-fledged soldiers only because then your parents might have other plans for you. Maging doctor ka kagaya ng tatay mo.

In the meantime, since you cannot go to the PMA for that, merong ROTC. I urge you to learn. Maski maghawak lang man ng baril o to call a --- an assembly of men to fight for the country.

Alam mo, sa buhay natin, the imponderables of life. Hindi natin talaga alam ano. 'Pag nawala man ako, well, the next president, he might have some other ideas for you but ako, I suggest that we pass the ROTC. Sumali kayo. Requirement 'yan bago ka maka-graduate. Tiisin mo 'yan kasi 'yan talaga ang buhay dapat ng estudyante ng Pilipinas.

I hope that in the future, when you look back at the memorable experiences during these events, you will never forget to live up [to] – and never depart from – these values as you pursue endeavors and you would benefit not only for yourselves but your families, and ultimately, the entire nation as well.

You would develop honesty kung nandiyan kayo. Me, in my government, whether the military, the police or promotion o `yung magpasok ka sa gobyerno, mag-Cabinet member ka. I have fired about five whose friendship dates back to 1988 when I first become the mayor of Davao. Tuloy-tuloy kasi ako hanggang presidency na. Wala akong talo.

But these guys were with me and who helped me all throughout. Pero ang sinabi ko, pagka magsama tayo sa gobyerno and I have the power to appoint you, huwag mo akong hiyain because ayaw ko talaga ng corruption. `Yung sa corruption ngayon sa gobyerno... *[applause]*

And I'm warning again the bureaucracy. Dito man ang mga secretary, madali man nila. I do not want papers to be acted by days. I want it by hours. If you are a director, do not hang on it. Huwag mong upuan `yan kasi pabalik-balikin mo ang tao hanggang bumigay ng pera. Ganon sa gobyerno. Matagal akong mayor. Matagal akong...

Marami talaga akong sinipa maski dito sa Malacañan. Tanungin mo `yung mga guwardiya. Nagbugbugbog talaga ako ng tao, lalo na `yung mga graft and corruption. Sinisipa ko `yan. Kaya huwag kayong ma-ano kasi kung gusto ninyo, pagkatapos ko Presidente magkita tayo maski saang lugar. Kayong mga p\*\* --- mga durugista. *[applause]*

Kung agrabyado kayo, l\*\*\*\*\* kayo, abangan ninyo ako o sabihin ninyo saan kayo, pupuntahan ko kayo. Magsama tayo sa impiyerno, kayong mga... T\*\*\* i\*\* niyo. *[applause]*

Alam mo, baka sabihin mo hindi ako taga-Maynila. Eh probinsyano ako, pitsugin. Nagkamali talaga kayo diyan. Ako, naglilinis rin ako ng baril gabi-gabi. Para sa inyo `yan. Pag-alis ko ng Malacañan, maglinya ka na diyan, mag-draw na tayo at magsama na tayo sa impiyerno for all time. At doon ko kayo bugbugin nang bugbugin araw-araw sa harap ni satanas. Mga p\*... kayo. *[laughter and applause]*

Eh galit ako eh. I said do not destroy my country. Look, kayong mga human rights. I told everybody, huwag mo --- ninyo akong sisihin. I told you do not destroy my country because I will kill you. Nothing can be more clear than

that. 'Pag sinira mo ang mga anak namin at ang sabi 'yung ganon, widespread na. Kita mo araw-araw sa TV ninyo meron talagang droga.

Look at the crawler. 'Yung tumatakbo diyan sa baba. That's called crawler. Nagko-crawl. Meron talaga araw-araw. Hindi nagtaka na itong mga... Kayong mga human --- bantay kayo. 'Di na lang ninyo tiningnan na my country is being flooded with drugs and I have to protect the next genere --- trabaho ninyo 'yan.

Kayong mga sun --- magiging sundalo. You have to protect the next generation. Kasi 'yung next generation, marami ang tama ng droga gaya ng America. Kawawa tayo. Hindi tayo mayaman. Ang atin... Ngayon maganda na. Surplus natin, may pera na tayo.

Putulin mo lang 'yang graft and corruption, putulin mo 'yang droga, putulin mo lahat na sumisira ng Pilipino. Eh 'di ka makulong niyan. Maniwala kayo. At makulong kayo, eh 'di sama tayo. Pareho lang naman 'yan. Eh ako matanda na, sila.

You do not scare me na pakulong mo ako diyan sa International Court --- Criminal Court. T\*\*\*... I will never allow myself to answer itong mga puti.

Hoy, loko-loko kayong mga... I will never, never, never answer any question coming from you. It's b\*\*\*\*\* to me. I am responsible only to the Filipino. Ang maghusga, Filipino. *[applause]* And if you hang me for all what I did, go ahead. It will be my pleasure. But never. Itong mga puti nakikialam ang mga...

Mumurahin na lang ninyo ako, eh 'di pumuputok nang --- kakapigil. Hindi lang nila alam ang... You know, what's to them a dead carcass there, criminal. Ilan ang nag... Hindi nila binilang ang namatay dahil sa droga. Kaya kayong mga human rights, you better behave. Do not look at life on a single lens. Tingnan ninyo parang binocular. Not a telescope na isa lang. Mga g\*\*\* kayo, mga bobo kayo. Tsaka kung kayo... Hay nako.

Gusto ko nga magharap tayo ng korte. I want to debate with you about what ails this country and I'd be happy to answer you and to condemn you. Hindi niyo ako matalo. 'Adre...

You know, before I became a mayor, I was a prosecutor. Kaya huwag mo --- do not 'yan ano... Mag --- sabihin mas bright ka sa akin. Mas bright ako sa inyong lahat sa, totoo lang. *[applause]* Oo. Kaya kayong mga Bisaya pumapakpak na kayo nang husto. Ngayon lang kayo nagka-presidente ng...

I assure you that this administration will remain unrelenting in its mission to realize a comfortable life for all Filipinos, and I firmly believe that the values learned from the ROTC Program are vital towards achieving this goal including those who go to the PMA to be soldiers. 'Yun lahat.

Itong ROTC part-time lang ito because they have other worries --- to be a doctor, to be a lawyer. But then again when trouble comes, everybody of us can be heroes. Alam mo 'yang... It's just the opportunity. Ayaw ko lang magyabang. Itong mga human rights, I have been, you know, in my lifetime as mayor I see myself, my life in front of me.

Alam mo kayong mga taga-Davao, kayong mga taga-media, dalawang beses ako nagpa-hostage para lang sa kapwa tao ko. Kaya talagang papatay ako para sa kapwa tao, para sa Pilipino. Huwag ka talagang magkompyansa sa akin. Ayaw kong mapahiya kaya ganon ako.

As we look forward to the next Silent Drill Competition... Siguro ang next... Mag --- ilan ba ang binigay natin? Three hundred thousand? Siguro mga next, ang first mga 10 million okay na? *[applause]*

Ayaw tumawa ang mga buang oh. Akala nila siguro nag --- nagbibiro ako.

No, it will be higher. We'll go higher, higher. And those who would want to parade there every afternoon, you'll have coffee money with me. And we can have dinner in...

Kaya kung sinong gustong pumunta ng Malacañan, it's open to everybody, to every Filipino. You just inform Bong Go or any of the --- itong police.

Lapitan lang ninyo, sabihin niyo, "Kausapin ko si Mayor. Gusto kong makita ang Malacañan at magkain doon. At 'yung kwarto niya, gaano ba kalapad 'yung kama niya." Kung lalaki ka, ah wala. Walang overnight. Pero kung... Ah ayaw kong sabihin. *[laughter]* Magalit ang anak...

Alam mo pagka ganito, sanay lang ako sa biro kasi politiko ako. I never graduated from being a mayor. Dala-dala ko 'yung pagka-mayor ko sa presidency kaya ako nagmumura, nagbibiro. But all --- just take it in stride. It's just pabiro lang.

Pero kung totoo, kung magpunta ka doon magsabi, "Can we spend the night here, mayor?" "Yes." Pero pagka lalaki, "T\*\*\* i\*\* doon ka sa barracks nung sundalo. Huwag kang mag..."

My house is very small. But you are all invited to go to Malacañan. It's your palace. All you have to do is to let us know and group na lang kayo. About mga 20 each time. Then you let us know and you can have a view of the palace. Inyo 'yan. Wala akong ano diyan. Gusto ko...

At sa --- I do not call it palace. I'm just saying it because that's the usage. I call that thing in Pasig as my office. In public and official declaration, I said I am a worker of government and I serve the people and I live simply kasi pera ng tao 'yan. *[applause]*

Kung magkain ka doon... 'Yung nakapunta na, lahat --- marami naman kayong nakapunta. Isang sabaw, isang ulam, isang kanin. Huwag na maghingi ng another cup of rice kay limitado ang pagkain diyan sa... Walang steak-steak diyan kasi hindi atin pera 'yan.

A simple dinner. I will all accommodate you. Over the next two years, I will end my term. At sa lahat ng may sama ng loob sa akin, anytime, maski natulog ako katukin lang ako ninyo, "Duterte, gumising ka mag-usap tayo." "Okay, no problem."

Together, let us all work for a safer and more peaceful...

Alam ninyo, 'yung kayong mga bata na school of youth, do not allow the criminals to bamboozle you. Huwag kang pumayag kayong mga p\*... Huwag kayo sa daan because 'yung mga streets are for the use of the citizens.

Magtindig-tindig ka ng kanto, magpasa-pasa ka ng ano --- tapos human rights, ano ka na? Huwag mong... 'Yang kayo not --- not in the streets, not... Kasi maghuhuli kayo ng nasa [bus?] ganon. Well, it could be the last ride of

your life. Hindi ako nagbibiro kasi galit ako sa kriminal, galit ako sa corruption.

Bakit? Because I love you. Kaya nasa speech ko noon sa kampanya, I am here because I love the Filipino people. 'Di ba sinabi ko 'yan? *[applause]* 'Yung bago ako sa kampanya sinabi ko --- sinabi ko itong droga, mga ano --- itong mga kriminal. Do not... Huwag ninyong i-oppres. Ayaw ko 'yang i-oppres. Ayaw ko 'yang mag-istambay diyan sa mga bayan-bayan. P\*... 'Pag --- 'pag may magsumbong sa akin, tatapusin talaga kita.

You know, the only way to end the problem is to end you, para tapos na. Kung kayong mga kriminal, masasamang loob, do not do it. It is dangerous at these times, sa panahon ko. Ibang presidente bahala na. Huwag dito.

Ayaw kong mapahiya eh. Hambogero ako. Kaya 'pag sinabi ko huwag, huwag. So naka-lecture naman ako, lahat na. Maraming salamat sa participants. I really appreciate your sweat. *[applause]*

Next time, we'll have a --- more prizes to come your way. Ten million, hindi na ninyo maubos 'yan sa isang gabi kung manalo kayo. Look forward to it because...

Alam mo sa totoo lang, hindi ako nag-hingi ng pera maski kanino. Tanungin --- magtanong kayo ng negosyante dito. Naghingì ako ng pera para sa akin? Pero maghingì ako ng pera para sa iba, para sa kapwa ko tao, kaya ko.

I will raise that money not from the government coffers. I will raise that money kasi marami akong kaibigan na tinanggihan noon nagbigay. Eh sabihin ko, "Sige ngayon na. Kasi gusto ng mga drill, malaki ang prize nila. Gusto talaga nila 50 million." So it's gonna be 50 million.

Maraming salamat po. *[applause]*

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