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**SPEECH
OF
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE
DURING THE DISTRIBUTION OF CERTIFICATE OF LAND OWNERSHIP ACQUISITION
(CLOA)**

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Kindly sit down. Salamat po sa courtesy ninyo.

[Bakit dumidikit ang mga ano dito? Sa security ito...]

Agrarian Reform Secretary John Castriciones; the other members of the Cabinet; Mr. Renato Bermejo, Administrator, Land Registration Authority; Mr. Cesar Montano, Chief Operating Officer, Tourism Promotions Board *[applause]*; the officers and men of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the PNP; mga elected and appointed officials of the province of Sultan Kudarat led by Governor Datu Pax Mangudadatu; mga kababayan ko.

May speech ako pero hindi man Binisaya. Hindi maganda. Well, I'll just read it. Maybe, I will add something to it.

I am humbled and proud to personally hand over to you what you rightfully deserve as hardworking Filipinos. I stand before you to say only one thing: Today is a victorious day for you, our farmers.

I laud the efforts of the Department of Agrarian Reform for being instrumental in upholding the rights of our farmers to own, control, secure, cultivate and enhance their agricultural lands as well as to improve their quality of life.

Ever since I became President, I have not strayed away from my promise to achieve social equity, peace and development for all.

To our hardworking farmers: You are no longer just tillers. You are now proud owners of your own land.

I also encourage you to continue your noble duty of tilling our fields and bringing food on the table of every Filipino.

The Philippines is nothing without our farmers who regularly provide our people with sustenance and ensure food security despite difficulties such as disasters, price fluctuations and financial shortages.

As President, I am privileged to implement genuine land reform through strong and decisive governance.

Thus, I recall on the Department --- and call on them again, the Agriculture and other related agencies to continue their efforts to increase farm productivity, reduce farm expenses and promote the well-being of farmers, consumers and the general public through various programs.

I assure you that the government stands [by] you by every step of the way. We continue to provide support services [from] other agencies through livelihood programs such as crop insurance, production and postharvest trainings and credit access --- 'yun ang pinaka-importante. Credit is where the credit is delivered to you. Para hindi na kayo pupunta dito sa ano...

Huwag naman doon sa bukid na malayo, baka ma-holdup. Eh importante ho 'yung credit actually... Among others to boost your productivity and strengthen our agricultural sector as a whole.

These programs and services are the building blocks of this administration's agenda to achieve a comfortable and dignified life [for] all.

I am one with the entire nation in paying tribute to the industry and resilience of our farmers. Kayo ang idol ko.

And may this event renew [your] commitment in enhancing our nation's food security and uplifting the lives of fellow Filipinos.

I urge you to demonstrate solidarity in our shared task of building a stronger and more robust for all.

Hindi na muna ako mag-salamat kasi may idagdag ako.

I am racing against time. The MILF is in a hurry and has placed on us the burden of a timeline. And I have agreed to that period.

I gave my solemn promise and I assure you I am working hard to meet the deadline. Kaya ho ako, this week, I will be in conference with everybody and after that, I will go back to maybe Jolo to talk to Misuari again if we can come up with an arrangement to arrive at a lasting peace.

Remember that I want every Filipino, kung nasaan siya dapat. And with or without the talks between government and the communist, land reform will continue to be implemented ho. It will not end this way. *[applause]*

The only problem is one, money. But maawa naman si Allah sa atin, maybe we can have a good harvest in taxes next year.

Ang importante kasi ito eh, the weakest link, ang pinaka-hina sa ating ekonomiya, 'yung iba naka-angkla talaga --- but agriculture is the weakest link. And yet you can fly for hours all over Mindanao at may lupa po para sa lahat.

And even the mountain tilling and all, kung lagyan lang ninyo ng palm trees 'yan o rubber, two to three hectares, you would be millionaires, mag-uupo na lang kayo about three to five years from now.

Bakit ho hindi natin magawa 'yan? Kasi ang una, walang suporta. 'Pag ibinigay ko sa inyo 'yung titulo, tapos na. 'Yan ang problema, that makes us weak because ang una talaga is credit.

Kailangan 'yung bangko, pupunta doon sa inyo. Or at least, I am urging the Land Bank to look for ways and means na makarating kayo doon sa farmers at anuhin mo man 'yang pera na 'yan, marami na 'yan.

It's almost like a commercial bank na ang Land Bank which is to be land, yuta, bank. Bangko para sa farmers. And yet it has rambled on just like a commercial bank.

'Yang pera na 'yan, bitawan na ninyo, give it to the farmers. Alam mo, importante without credit, fertilizer, abono, seedlings, lahat. And maybe, I will look into your finances, 'yung mga kooperatiba dito all over the Philippines, mabigyan lang man na tag-isa o dalawang tractor to till the land. *[applause]*

Mura lang 'yan eh. And if there is no corruption along the way, makukuha talaga ng mga tao. Problem is, magbigay ka ng credit tapos ikaw naman humihingi or it is not really freely given because there's a fee and that fee is not really for government but goes to somebody else's pocket.

Itong panahon ko po, hindi naman ako naging nagpapa-hero pero iwasan ho ninyo 'yan. Kasi I am committed to just saying that alam mo, workers lang tayo ng gobyerno eh. Everybody sitting here in the elevated stage, workers lang kami ng gobyerno.

I will not even say na mga opisyal kami ng gobyerno. Kami po ay trabahante lang sa gobyerno.

Kaya kung dapat ang gawin namin, talagang ginagawa namin nang katotohanan. Walang kaltasan, wala lahat, kasi 'pag hindi papatayin kita. Sigurado 'yan. *[applause]*

Eh ang haba ng highway eh. Ano kaya kung magabang ako diyan ng --- sa isang kanto, dala-dala ko 'yung M14, mabuhay ka kaya?

So iwasan... I'm addressing myself to government, mga trabahante ho, hindi kayo, na gawain lang natin ang trabaho natin, make sure that what the people need goes to them.

Bilisan lang po natin because ang pinakahuling atake natin and it's really the weakest link and to consider the --- na marami tayong lupa, bakit ganoon pa hanggang ngayon?

And yet 'yung manufacturing are limited to the cities of Manila, maybe Davao, but you can count the factories that are sprouting somewhere everyday.

Pero the bulk of the GNP, income is GNP sa ibang numero, hindi sa dito. Of course, we cannot be self-sufficient, why? Sa rice? Kasi ang mga lupa nating magaganda, nakuha na sa mga taong may pera for the cash --- cash crop, hindi na food crop.

So imposible na sabihin mo na magkaroon --- until you learn how to till the mountains, which I am willing to give to you. Taniman mo na lang ng coconut 'yan, rubber or palm oil, wala na talaga kayong problema. It's just a matter of funding the seedlings and the --- mga abono.

'Yun lang po. And I'm addressing myself to the DA, DENR, sila 'yung makapagbigay ng... At 'yung lahat ng bukid diyan na walang may-ari, ibigay na natin. Ang may-ari ito oh, 'yan 'yan sila. So why keep on holding --- hanging onto a property which is --- does not serve the people?

Nandito si Atty. Mamondiong. He's a Maranao and he will be there to support 'yung the art of, you know, how to improve your skills. Walang problema, he's ready anytime.

So itong hinahabol ko po na sana maabot ko during my --- not really my term, this year. It has to be this year because 'yun ang usapan. Kung 'yun ang usapan, kausapin ko, pagbalik ko nga si Speaker Alvarez pati si Senate President.

Sabihin ko sa kanya, "Senator Pimentel, remember that we have a commitment to the Moro people. But at the same time, we'll have an arrangement where everybody will be happy."

I do not think that with the MN, MI in government or in joint venture with government can go wrong. I... We will see to it that justice is applied everyday. That fairness is observed.

'Yan lang ang maasahan ninyo sa akin. And then itong BBL. But let me just state for you on the record na para wala tayong discord na hindi tayo posibleng --- gnaw into a useless argument.

Sinabi ko sa MI, MN pati sa inyo lahat ngayon, that there will no --- be no regional armed forces or police. I will not agree to that. Kasi kung isa lang tayong Pilipino, bakit ka magtayo ng army? 'Yung army ko, army mo. 'Yung pulis ko, pulis mo. Walang ano.

If you want to feel it more acceptable, I can assign... We have a lot of good soldiers. As a matter of fact, a lot of them died in the Marawi siege. They are competent and I can assign them here to assist in the socioeconomic push.

But no --- hindi ko talaga --- hindi ko ibigay 'yan. 'Wag kayong magalit sa akin. But for the reason na gusto ko, Pilipino tayo. Pagka Pilipino tayo, 'yung pulis ko, pulis mo. Itong pulis natin magtrabaho ito ke ma-mestizo o Maranao o full-blooded Maranao o Maguindanao.

And of course the MI, if they can help, they can be absorbed sa Armed Forces, for those willing, so goes with the MNLF. Pero isang armed forces lang talaga.

Hindi na ako niyan kasi 'pag matuloy 'yang --- itong federal setup, it will provide for a president. And if we can perfect it by 2020 hanggang 22 ako eh.

Kung may perfect na na federal that provides for a election for a president, I will step down. Para unified --- to maintain the unity of our nation.

And this... 'Yung ang sikreto lang naman diyan is most of the resources will be retained by you. That's just the federal --- uni... 'Yung magkaiba sa unitary.

Mag-contribute lang kayo doon sa national government. But you retain most of the taxes to develop your own place. I am for it. Wala akong problema ang akin na lang saan ako maghanap ng solusyon para maabot natin 'yan.

After that, I will go. Do not be afraid of a dictatorship because I will not be one. Ayaw kong habaan ninyo. Mas gusto ko nga iksian ninyo. And if by 2020 we can have a new president or a Moro president for the Republic of the Philippines, mas maganda para sa akin.

Tatal 'yang tao na 'yan would be a Filipino and he would always care. Iisa lang ang bayan niya bakit niya wawasakin?

So I hope that there will be an election and good leaders will come out. Kami patapos na ang generation ko. Nag-birthday nga ako eh. Ang problema hindi ko alam kung ilang taon na ako. *[laughter]*

Maraming nagtanong, "ilang taon ka na?" "P***** j** nakalimutan ko, sino nga pangalan ko?" *[laughter]*

Kung magdating 'yang panahon na 'yan wala na. Time to --- time to go. Pero 'yung mga pangalan ng asawa ko, hala naalaala ko lahat. *[laughter]* P***** j**.

Mag-usap tayo, huwag tayong mag-away. Iisa lang ang bayan natin at ako ang interes ko lang bakit tayo magbaryo-baryo ng military pati pulis? Trabaho ng pulis para sa akin trabaho ng Maguindanao 'yan. Ang Maguindanao trabaho 'yan doon sa Ilocos pulis rin. Walang...

Sundalo, sundalo period. Pulis, pulis period. Huwag masyado 'yang pulitika kasi... Alam mo governor ang tatay ko isa pa ang Davao.

Kung hindi ko talaga pigain ito, walang mangyayari. Kaya 'pag sinabi kong gawain ko, gawain ko talaga.

'Pag sinabi kong, "bantay ka diyan kasi may gagawin ako," gawain ko talaga. 'Yan lang ang magkaroon tayo ng usapan na matino.

Pero I will always be motivated of what is the best interest of my country. The greatest good for the greatest number.

Hindi ako mag-isip ng Muslim kasi lola ko Muslim. May anak ako na Muslim. Tatlong Muslim 'yan --- Tausug, Maranao.

So bakit ako makipag-away sa inyo? Bakit kayo makipag-away sa akin? Mag-uusap nalang tayo tutal kaya naman talaga natin to be fair and be happy in our country.

I hope you understand my feeling because 'yan talaga ang mission ko. Eh kasi alam mo naman... Ni halos wala akong leader.

Buong Pilipinas iilan lang, nanalo ako. So may utos si Allah sa akin. Susundin ko si Allah.

Maraming salamat po.

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