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**SIGNING OF JOINT DECLARATION
ON AGRICULTURE COOPERATION**

BETWEEN

THE PHILIPPINES

AND

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

[Reception Hall, Malacañan Palace | 16 May 2018]

Good evening, Your Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen.

Today, we shall witness the signing of the Joint Declaration between the Republic of the Philippines and the Independent State of Papua New Guinea.

We are honored to have President Rodrigo Roa Duterte and Prime Minister Peter O'Neill to witness this event.

At this point, may we now call on Hon. Emmanuel F. Piñol, Philippine Secretary for Agriculture, and Hon. Benny Allan, Papua New Guinea Minister for Agriculture and Livestock to sign the Joint Declaration on Agriculture Cooperation between the Philippines and Papua New Guinea.

The Joint Declaration signifies the share commitment of the Philippines and Papua New Guinea to expand and strengthen bilateral relations and cooperation in the field of agriculture and agro-industries, particularly in areas such as rice grains and industrial crops production; aquaculture and inland fish farming; livestock breeding and improvement; and agri-business development.

Thank you very much. Now, we'll witness the exchange of the Joint Declaration.

Thank you very much and on that note, we end the signing of the Joint Declaration.

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