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## SPEECH OF PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE DURING THE INAUGURATION OF BOHOL-PANGLAO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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Daghang salamat. Kindly sit down and thank you for your courtesy.

His Excellency Koji Haneda, Japanese Ambassador to the Philippines; Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea; Transportation Secretary Arthur Tugade and other members of the Cabinet.

Ito si --- Ilocano 'to si Art, taga-Cagayan Valley. He was our class valedictorian. [applause] Kaya 'yung speech niya dinadaan niya sa debate. But he's a very competent and an honest government worker.

At huwag ho kayong mag-alala, he is a billionaire in his own right. Estudyante pa kami, talagang he was a top executive of acompany. I won't mention the name because hindi naman kailangan. And he was the team captain of the debating club sa San Beda kaya kita mo nagsalita, nagdedebate na.

Sabihin mo kung sino at anong hinihingi sa'yo or if it is an unreasonable delay. Tell me or through that cellphone. It would appear there sa ano na it's being --- it has been delayed for months, when as a matter of fact, I ordered my Cabinet --- the entire Cabinet secretaries na you have about a month, reasonablyabout a month. After that, kung ayaw mong i-approve, then go ahead and deny it.

And if you need time, you tell the guy to, "Give me another 15 days to study your case then I'll come up with my decision." Kaya sabi ko nga eh. I even fired the Undersecretary of Budget right there in Malacañan. Tapos marami akong sinipa talaga.

Kaya ang sinabi ko and I'll leave you with this message. Kindly remember it when I'm gone. The Philippines would never, never develop or progress until there is law and order and corruption in government stops. [applause]

If you do not have it, wala talaga. Every time na may transaction na ganun. So transparency really is something like --- be assertive. You do not owe nothing to us. We are paid. About the...

Kaya ako hindi ako nag-a-accept ng award. I never accept awards. You know why? Because I tell them that you know, you paid me for my services. Why do you have to award me? For what? About the only award that I accepted in my life, 'yung award sa eskwelahan ko. Tinanggap ko kasi pinagpaguran ko 'yan. Kakainom diyan sa Legarda --- p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*. That's four years of...

Pero 'yung award-award ng --- ayaw ko kasi it's a bad practice. Why will I accept award? Corny. [applause] 'Di totoo 'yan. I think Sonny has the same policy. Hindi ako nag-accept.

There was this incident, 'yung --- I don't know if... It happened a long time ago. Iyong involving 'yung madre nga na missionary na Australian. So in that incident, I offered myself as a hostage in exchange for a child and 'yung nanny because the mother was --- nahuli sa loob eh. Naapil didto siya. (She was among those affected) Gipagawas but the child was --- nagadudo. (They were released but the child needed to be breastfed)

So the whole day nandoon sila under the coconut tree pagka gabi, na umaga na lang, hanggang dumating ako. So sabi ko, "Bitawan mo 'yan. Ako ang magpa-hostage."

I endured humiliation but I want --- I don't know... I do not want to mention the office. May award. Sabihin ko, "No, I will not accept the award." Precisely you are paid, you are chosen and paid to die. Ganun 'yan. So why do you have to banner it around?

So 'yun ho ang... Para maintindihan ninyo ako. So that you'd know how my --- the gray matter between the ears work. What else do I have to say about Bohol?

Well I have an --- my ancestry dito. Lola ko, the mother of my father taga-Bohol. Mao na nga... (So that is why...) Alam ko ang lahat ng ano. So wa man ta --- wa jamo man ta ron. Wala kayong

pagkain na --- umuwi na tayo kasi wa may pagkaon diha (there's no food there). Kagamay ana (that's too small). Muuli (Better go home).

I'd like to thank you for your presence here. It is the pleasure of your company at this moment. And no need to thank anybody. You deserve it. It's your money.

Art Tugade is paid doing this kind of job and what I would like, you just --- to be transparent. Hindi ako nagyayabang. Secretary Villar will have his own roadshow of the bridges and the highways, endless highways that he has completed --- wide highways. And you will be proud that you are a Filipino.

Hindi lang kasi kami ano 'yung --- I am not the guy that nagbabandera ng ano. I'd rather na makita ninyo na nandiyan na and I said, "It is rightfully yours."

So this structure, I repeat, is yours and may you be proud of it.

Maraming salamat po.

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