

**MESSAGE
OF
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE
DURING HIS ATTENDANCE TO THE WEDDING OF
P/SINSP. SOFIA DELIU AND P/INSP. ABDUL-BASSAR ABDURAJAK**

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Kindly sit down. Thank you for the courtesy.

I am honored to witness the union between Abdul-Bassar and Sofia Lauren. You can sit down.

Alam mo 'yung bridegroom, if you have seen my children, kamukha ni Omar. *[laughter]*

More than the brothers and sisters, kamukha talaga niya. Akala ko nga parang twin, really. *[laughter]*

The eldest of 'yung sa mga apo ako. So that's why I am happy to be here because related talaga sila sa mga Sangkola.

So may bagong pamilya ako sa Marawi, 'yun naman ang biological na beginnings ko pati dito because of itong bridegroom na related sa grandson ko.

Dalhin ko sana dito kaya lang hindi ko makita 'yung buang kung nasaan ngayon *[laughter]*.

I've been trying to call him since yesterday afternoon. Eh gusto kong dalhin at he would be surprised, he would be looking at his face, kamukha talaga.

To our newlyweds today, thank you for inviting me and we all share this precious moment with your friends, family, and guests.

Marriage is not only about exchanging the sacred vows. It is also about committing a life filled with eternal love and happiness despite all hardships and difficulties.

Take your time to adapt and know more about one another and accept each other's strengths and weaknesses.

Respect and understand your differences and shortcomings and show the same kind of passion and determination at work as a peace officer in keeping your relationship stronger.

Continue to grow as a couple and nurture one another as you bring out the best in each other.

Best wishes on this wonderful journey as you start building your new lives together.

Alam mo Sofia, she's my police aide. Noong unang mga early days 'yun siya 'yung naka-uniporme na kasama ko.

But as I've told you before, you can choose any assignment where you are nearest to the bridegroom para --- well, to be closer together and we can always make arrangements na magkasama kayo, magkalapit lang.

Para naman you start your marriage with a companionship that is constant and frequent. Para mabuntis rin kaagad *[laughter and applause]* para makita ko 'yung... Tignan ko kung anong labas ng mukha nitong --- kamukha talaga ni Omar, totoo. *[laughter]*

So, I am happy to share this event with you and I said my advice to you when I was informed noon sa... Maybe it's time to --- for you to leave the PSG and look for an assignment na mas magkita kayo araw-araw. Importante 'yan.

So enjoy your lives and so the... Kasi you are peace officers. You are engaged, challenged everyday. At least, after a day's work magkikita kayo ng beloved mo. 'Yung Omar ko pa naman, baka pareho kayo ni Omar ha? *[laughter]* Ay magsakit ang ulo natin. *[laughter]*

Well anyway, I'd like to greet everybody. Ang lola ko po ay Maranao and buti't naman may connection na ako dito sa mga Tausug.

I'm proud to be related to you *[applause]* and I'm happy and may your marriage last for a thousand years.

Thank you. *[applause]*

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