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SPEECH OF PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE DURING THE INAUGURATION OF THE CAVITE GATEWAY TERMINAL

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Kindly sit down. Maupo ho kayo. Maraming salamat po sa courtesy.

I have a two-page speech. Actually hindi akin 'to, sa ibang --- gumawa nito kung sino sa kanila diyan.

But I'd like to veer away from the prepared speech because I would like also to convey my sentiments pareho kay Secretary Tugade. You know he is all praises for me.

Actually, we will credit it to the government people who tirelessly work to improve the situation of the country. It belongs to the laborers dito.

Hindi masyado kami. Kami I sit in comfort in an air-conditioned room reading papers and everything. But let me just remind everybody also that ako po'y hindi tumatanggap ng papel ng transaksyon sa gobyerno. If it involves a project, reclamation whatsoever, MRT, lahat I --- it does not reach my table. It begins and ends with the secretary concerned.

Pagka kay Medialdea kanya 'yan, from the beginning to end. I only sign appointments and policy papers. I do not even touch because they do not reach, I said, my table at all.

Now, talking of corruption. Alam mo si Art, he is my classmate actually. He was the valedictorian. And at that time he was --- he had his own

business struggling but already to become a millionaire someday. Nabilyonaryo nga.

So for all of you, disabuse your mind about corruption in government at least dito sa Executive department. Wala ho kami niyan.

Just before I left my office, I signed a dismissal order `yung secretary-general ng Housing. A certain Millar. Binabasa ko `yung resume kanina tinitingnan ko `yung termination and knew what a deep s*** the guy has tsk created for him. Valedictorian, he's a low class and everything. But I don't know.

Somehow along the way, somehow along the way, I've been with government as a public prosecutor, a fiscal, then as mayor for 23 years in Davao. Marami akong nakita. Along the way, corruption creeps in.

And mahirap talaga... You know when you are there secretary-general, you have the power, you have the authority. You can do corruption and it can corrupt you, give you a little or it corrupts you absolutely. So power corrupt is a --- and sometimes it is really you want your money to go to your pocket almost everyday.

That's the sad story about this government --- government for government. In one of --- some of them are here. In one instance, corruption was also a brewing in the AFP Medical Center. Katapos-tapos ko lang aregluhin `yung Nayong Pilipino, it was also full of s*** kasi walang bidding, wala lahat despite, in spite of my warning that hindi ko kayo palulusutin.

And yet I practically fire almost every month a top --- the top echelons `yung... So `yung... I was busy attending all to this corruption. Wala akong ginawa.

In one of the... I'll reveal it to you. Nandito man sila `yung iba --- the officers are here. In one of the command conference for both the military and the police, I told them that I'm having a hard time. Akala ko I can depend on you guys but you know, you seemed to be also pulling the boat down.

Sabi ko, "if you want I will offer my resignation today. If the major commanders of the Air Force, Navy, Police, Army will stand up, that would be an indication that you want me to go and I will go." Because frankly I am having a hard time combatting corruption. Please do not make it really very hard for me to do it. Iyan ang... We are talking about...

Kayong mga negosyante, go ahead. All that I ask, I said you can call Bingbong, Art, si Bong Go --- who is by the way is running for senator. Please do not forget him. He is good.

Bong Go is... This is not a campaign but 'yung Bong Go na 'yan he is actually a Batangueño. Iyong mga Tesoro sa ano --- but migrant diyan sa Mindanao. His mother married a Chinese national.

Pero he is good and he knows how to deal with... He would be an ideal critic and I would say that he would win. He should spare no one including his former boss because that is really expected of...

Iyan ang hirap ako diyan. Hindi kaya itong... Sabi ko nga, sinipa ko 'yung papel lang. Ibinigay ko sa kanya 'yung affidavit. Tapos nagalit ako sinipa ko pero 'yung papel, siya hindi. Kasi...

And also I'd like to go back to my basic promise to the Filipino people or promises: I said, I will attend to corruption; and then I will attend to the drug problem because it is really the source of all the agony and suffering of the people.

Itong mga human rights ang nakita nila ilang patay. Every publication seven --- 20,000, may sinabi 70 billion --- eh million. Sabi naman --- I don't really give a s*** you know. I don't recognize the ICC. I will not allow myself to stand trial before a white monkey there. Who are you to...?

Kaya itong strained relation I will admit it --- with America --- started with Obama. Trump is cleaning the mess. Iyong Obama na 'yon reprimanding me in a press interview. Pareho kaming head of state. If you have some qualms against me, why don't you go to the United Nations and squawk there until kingdom come?

Sabi ko, "You are a son of a b****." Sabi ko, "You can go to hell." Eh sabi ko marunong kang --- kung hindi ka marunong mag-respeto eh p***** j** mo, l**** ka.

That's because I hate really drugs because from drugs, crime, kidnapping. Iyong Okada diyan p***** j**** 'yan. I'd like to announce, lahat kayong mga pulis umalis kayo diyan. It's crawling with usurers, kidnappers. So ako ang magdaan diyan 'pag nakita ko kayo p**, sagasaan ko kayo.

Better go away, lahat ng law enforcement should not... I do not want even a police car there.

Kindly... Iyang sugalan diyan, nandiyan 'yung lahat ng --- the low life of society. Mag-kidnap, diyan lang sa kwarto, then they start to negotiate. Pagkatapos magbayad, maglabas sa kwarto patayin pa 'yung tao. And what are the policemen doing there? What's your business?

If you violate my order, I will dismiss you from the service. That's an order because you are there to commit a crime. Kung wala kayong --- you are not assigned there. Or I will assign the Army to patrol. Which do you want? Magbarilan kayo o sumunod kayo?

T*** ** ninyo, wala kayong ginawa kung... And the drugs, if I lose my patience, I'll call the rangers. T*** i**, kayo ang mag-patrolya diyan. Diyan sa galing ng Fort Magsaysay. Mamili kayo, either the military will do the patrolling there or you go out of that place there. I do not want to see any law enforcement guy there, either in uniform or in civilian clothes.

Kung gusto ninyong mag-sugal, punta kayo dito sa ano diyan o haghanap kayo ng --- maghantak kayo. Huwag kayo --- do not f*** it there because you're making the problem more serious than I can handle. Do not make it hard for me. Tatala wala kayong hiningi sa akin na hindi ko ibinigay.

Lahat ngayon, arms. Lahat naibigay ko. I've been spending a lot and... Sakyanan, bago. Doblado ang sweldo. I take care when you are --- when you die, even in --- it's just a sickness. Take care of your family, the expense of government. You better try to sort it out.

Wala nang ginawa itong lugar na 'yan kung hindi... One more policeman there, an incident and I will call the rangers to come down and patrol the whole of Dewey Boulevard. You know I'm not here to declare martial law. I'll just go ahead in what I want to do.

By the way, then I said that --- sabi ko nga I will --- I will not f*** with the people's money. That's why I do not sign any document. Maghanap kayo ng dokumento ninyo kung may makita kayo endorsement from the Office of the President. Wala, kasi ayaw ko. Ayaw ko talaga.

Kaya kung magmura ako and they will say that, "Corrupt ka, p***** i** mo, hayop ka." Wala kayong maituro sa akin ever ni singko sentimo. Transactional, sabi nitong [pagong?] na Alejano. T*** i**... Siguro kayo.

Pero in 23 years mayor ako, magturo kayo ng sinong negosyante diyan nagsabi naghingi ako maski piso. Akala mo siguro Alejano corrupt lahat ng tao sa mundo. Kayo. Kayong mga dreamers. Pa-revolt-revolt, pagkatapos mag-surrender din pala tapos may mukha ka magharap sa akin ng... Akala mo ikaw lang may honor? Kayo lang diyan, si Trillanes?

Sinabi niya 'yung pagka-abogado nilakad na raw ng tatay ko. My father was 20 --- 20 years dead when I became a lawyer. Ikaw Trillanes ang nilakad ng

tatay mo, according to a PMAer. While everybody was there exercising to death, you were enjoying the food of government sa opisina ng tatay mo and your mother was into transaction. Iyan ang transactional, hindi kami. What have you --- business of your mother transaction with government. Magsalita kayo --- kayong... Akala matapang. Magdalo. Sinong tinatakot ninyo?

Tuloy sa galit ko, nakalimutan ko 'yung tao na ma... I'll just --- I'll say it again. To the Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea; the Transportation Secretary Arthur Tugade, hindi naman kailangan kasi --- iyo man kaya itong project; the officials and staff of the International Container Terminal Services Inc. led by its Chairman and President Enrique Razon. Ayan siya kasi pera man niya. *[laughter]*; Cavite Governor Jesus Remulla, walang pahirapan.

Now one of the corruptions actually is on the lower level, 'yung land conversion, 'yung permit, 'yung mga subdivision. So all you have to do is just to write me. Año would be happy to investigate. General Año is used to be the --- halos military 'yan sila lahat.

Alam mo baka nagkamali kayo na akala niyo nagpapalakas ako diyan sa pulis pati militar. I was elected by the people. I wasn't elected by the military or the police. Ang police pati 'yung military may mandate 'yan sila. Iba-iba kami. I just happened to be in that office in Pasig who'd call the shots. But ako, I --- even in their appointments dito sa civil pati military, I do not tinker with... It's merit. Kung ano 'yung recommendation ng board of generals o 'yung ano --- sunod 'yan. I do not choose my...

Maski sinong i-assign mo sa akin. Matagal ako sa gobyerno eh. I will accept you. You're a worker? All I need is an honest and a competent guy. Wala na. Wala na 'yung civil service eligibility. Karami diyan magnanakaw, p***** i** na first grade. Naging valedictorian, salutatorian pa tuloy 'yung eligibility nung unggoy.

I do not mess up with government. And I said I'll pursue that the four... I made just five promises if you remember. I will talk to the enemies of the state. I did. And pa-ganun-ganun sila. This Agcaoili and Jalandoni would come here and talk to me. I said, "Why should I talk to you? You talk to Dureza and Bello."

Ayan si Bello, kay komunista talaga 'yan. Magkaintindihan kayo. I'll talk to Sison. Give me the final draft and if I like it, I'll pass it on to the military and the police. Sasabihin ko sa kanila, "O is this all right with you?" Kasi kung

hindi naman tanggapin ng military, police, i-coup d'état ka naman. Anak ng jueteng.

Sabagay, I'd be happy to go home. I offered to --- I said I offered to resign. And of course, we have to dream of the remaining days of my years. I will not go my --- allow my expectations go beyond the term.

You can be very sure. On punto 'yan, on the last day. I'll just be formal about it. On the last day of my term, I will go down sans ceremony. Wala na 'yung turnover-turnover. Bukas bakante na 'yan, kung sinong may gusto, o sige.

Gusto ng Chief of Staff, sige dalin mo 'yung... Military junta na lang para mas madali. Sabi ko, from now on 'yung --- ayoko 'yang magbaba ako from a foreign trip mag honor-honor, sabi ko...

That's why when I came back from Indonesia, sabi ko 'yung commander lang ng Air Force diyan. Tawag nila TOG. Tactical. Basta...

Kaya ako na --- sabi ko nga you don't --- you do not have to do this 'yung plaque-plaque. Kasi hindi ako nagpapa-ano ha. I'm not trying to offend anyone. Please do not go into that practice of awarding me anything. It is good as any other time to say it now, even when I was mayor, I do not accept awards. Why? Because my services are paid for by the Filipino.

You need not give me undue recognition for doing my duty. Para lang walang embarra --- hindi naman ano, hindi naman award 'yun eh plaque. Dalhin ko na lang kasi mabili pa 'yan doon sa ano. *[laughter]*

Hindi, dalhin ko na lang 'yan kasi ibigay mo --- ay, ilagay mo lang 'yan diyan pero isemento mo lang. *[laughter]*

I --- totoo 'yan. I do not... Ever since when I was mayor, itinatanggi ko talaga 'yan. I do not accept awards. Kaya 'yung Boracay, pagka 'yung inauguration na, inilagay doon --- ito si --- nakita nitong Berna na 'to, "Thank you President Duterte. Salamat..." P***** j**.

Sabi ko, I will not go there ever. Tapos 'yung likod ng Boracay because they were speculating that I will invite foreigners to do some gambling there, to fill up the other...

Kaya 'yung likod, sabi ko, which is already expensive, ni-land reform ko. Ibinigay ko sa lahat sa Ati. Inyo 'yan.

Now, it's worth millions. Do not sell it for 10 years. Leave it to your children. Someday makahawak ang mga anak ninyo ng milyon. So 'yung likod ng Boracay, wala na. It's no --- it's no good for expansion. No more commercial undertakings there. And there will be no gambling.

You know why? Because the people do not want it. I am not imposing my --- sabihin mo caprichoso ako, capri... I talk to people. I call them. "Do you want gambling in...?" Gambling sa taas ng Boracay, the drug problem was thriving.

Tapos papasok na naman 'yang mga hold-up, kidnap pag-uwi ng mga turista. You are better off just swimming there until you die. Iyon ang... That's how I protect my country. Medyo parang pulis na hindi naman pulis. Iyong style ano lang, style barangay captain. Iyon lang man kailangan mo diyan.

And Cavite Governor Jesus Remulla, I --- saludo ako sa iyo. Tanza City Mayor Yuri Pacumio and other distinguished guests. Wala man akong kilala dito. *[laughter]* Ladies and gentlemen.

Now, may I just --- sandali lang man 'to, it'd take me about two minutes. Kawawa naman kasi 'yung taong nag... You know, they sometimes work overtime there kakamakinilya, trying to pick their brains out what to say.

So they say. She said, last night. The one who prepared... *[Sino? Ikaw? Thank you. Bigyan kitang allowance --- 'yang ano... Dagdag]*

I thank the people of Cavite for your warm welcome. I am deeply honored to share this momentous occasion with you.

The efficient transport of cargo and goods to and from our ports is an important element in the supply chain industry. However, we have always been confronted by the perennial problem of port and road congestion.

This terminal, which is the result of the collaboration between the Department of Transportation and the International Container Terminal Services or ICTSI, is an effort to address this problem.

By allowing the transport of cargo by sea instead of by land, this project is expected to result to 140,000 fewer truck trips per year. This will not only decongest our roads, but also address the long queue of trucks in the Port of Manila.

As the first and only roll-on roll-off or Ro-Ro barge terminal for international containers in the country, this terminal will promote inter-regional trade and development, provide greater access to South Luzon, and spur the growth of its thriving industries.

To ensure the safety of cargoes and to prevent any incident at sea, I am directing the DOTR --- iyo ito, Art --- and Philippine Ports Authority to ensure the strict enforcement of existing rules and regulations in the operation of this facility.

This is actually innovation. Sometimes it's termed invention. And it's prompted by need. The need is --- it prompts the human being to look for a solution. And this generation has all been --- itong atin ngayon has always been innovative.

So I'm proud to be a part of this generation. I may not be there when it is -- - the Philippines would truly bloom into an ideal country because marami tayong problema. Ang resources natin. The prime lands... There are no longer arable lands 'yang the flat and plateau. But we have to learn how to conquer the heights and plant more. It can be rubber and...

Because in North Cotabato, minsan nawala ako sa chopper. We got lost actually because pumasok kami ng thunderstorm eh. Eh hindi namin malaman so we had to land. Nung 'pag... Sabi ko, "Saan tayo nito?" Either it's a NPA territory or a friendly one, but we'll just have to wait.

Pero 'yung patakbo na 'yung mga bata... And this is not really... I am not trying to offend the Ilocanos. Pero ganun man talaga kayo mag-pronounce. Ang Bisaya matigas ang dila. 'Yung regional ano 'yan eh.

Nalaman ko nasa North Cotabato kami because North Cotabato is full of Ilocanos. They assimilate well with the Moro, ang Ilocano. Ti ang mga Ilonggo ga away. Eh ang mga Ilocano soft-spoken. They just simply love to till the land.

So pagdating ng mga bata, sabi nila, "Chopper, chopper." Ah North Cotabato tayo. *[laughter]* Oo ganyan 'yan, Ilocano. "Chopper, chopper." *[laughter]*

I assure everyone that in line with our Build, Build, Build program, this administration will continue to pursue the timely implementation of crucial projects that will uplift the lives of our countrymen. May this terminal...

[Na-bless na 'to, sir? Na-bless na?] So saan ang pari? [laughter] Ihulog 'yan diyan sa...[laughter] Kumuha ng obispo p*** ihulog ko talaga 'yan sa pantalan. [laughter]

May this terminal will serve as a model for our similar port infrastructure projects across the country. Together, let us work hand in hand as we lay down the physical foundations of a better life for every Filipino. Thank you.

You know, it is not true that I do not believe in God. Huwag kayong maniwala. That is heresy. Ako po'y nakapag-aral naman nang konti sa... Na-expelled lang ako sa third year pero most of my time... Iyan si Carlos Dominguez kababata ko talaga 'yan. Kapit-bahay ko pa. Talagang bright 'yan. Kindergarten pa lang valedictorian 'yan. Iyong kapit-bahay niya ako, 75 lang. Pagka third year na expelled pa. P*****... [laughter]

Tapos... Without --- immodest about it, graduate naman ako ng Benedictines, San Beda. Hindi pwede nang walang Panginoong Diyos. Sinabi ko sa mga ugok na obispo na 'yan, your God does not have common sense. My God has a lot of it. Kasi magkaiba ang perception natin sa Diyos ninyo pati 'yung Diyos ko.

I do not believe in hell. Why would God create a human being only to throw him to hell? Is that not stupidity? Eh bakit pa maggawa ka ng tao only to prepare a place for him to suffer? Anong klaseng Diyos iyan? Neither is there heaven.

Bakit discrimination? Ibig sabihin mo lang kasi nakapag-aral --- nakapag-asawa ka na o dalawa. Ibig mong sabihin hindi mo na ako papasukin kasi dalawa ang asawa ko, iyon lang isa? Eh 'di ang mga papasok doon... Eh 'yung mga pari may mga anak pati obispo, tabla na? [laughter] Hehhhh... [laughter] Bwisit 'yan.

I'm going to talk --- I'm ready to debate with you in public. You know guys, do not overdo things because not all is right within the Catholic Church. You read the --- it's a bestseller --- "Popes" with a plural. Makita mo doon how rotten the Vatican is.

Iyong si Pope na nag-retire lang. Well, I'll tell you now kung bakit siya nag-retire nang maaga. Should I talk about it in public? And the sins of the Bishops here. You better...

Ikaw, David, tumahimik ka ha. Sige ka lang hingi ng contribution diyan sa mga... Saan ang pera ng mga tao? Ang g*** sige lang hingi, may second collection pa. *[laughter]* Tapos `yung...

Alam mo totoo lang, sabihin ko sa inyo, iyong mga offerings, iyong mga pinya, mga avocado, saging, saan napupunta `yan? Gusto ninyong malaman? Gusto ninyo ng video? Ibigay ko sa inyo. Doon sa pamilya niya.

Kaya stop this practice of... Dapat makapag-asawa na kayo at humabol kayo sa akin. Naka dalawang asawa ako pati apat na girlfriend. *[laughter]* That is why I am suffering now.

Thank you. *[laughter and applause]*

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