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**REMARKS OF
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE
AND
JAPAN PRIME MINISTER SHINZO ABE
DURING THEIR BILATERAL MEETING**

[Suntec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Center | 15 November 2018]

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: I convey --- congratulations on the... *[inaudible]*

PRIME MINISTER ABE: It is a great pleasure for me to see you again for the first time since last November. And also thank you very much for your kind words about my victory in the most recent LDP presidential election.

Now that I have another opportunity to continue working with you and so it is a great pleasure for me.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Thank you. I'm ready to talk --- anything about the Philippines and Japan.

PRIME MINISTER ABE: And I once again would like to express my condolences for your loss as well as those who lost their lives in the multiple typhoon disasters in the Philippines.

So today I look forward to having a productive discussion with you on strengthening Japan-Philippines cooperation in the area of consolidation of peace as well as infrastructure development.

[media were asked to leave the room]

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