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**DURING THE OPENING CEREMONIES OF PALARONG PAMBANSA 2019**

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Education Secretary Leonor Briones and the other members of the Cabinet; Davao City Mayor Sara Carpio represented by Davao City Administrator Zuleika Lopez --- kaya pala tawag nang tawag itong mama na sigurado akong magpunta dito kasi wala siya. *[laughter]* Ngayon naintindihan ko na. Nag-beach doon sa... There was a --- almost an order for me to be here at gusto niya                      sigurado                      nandito                      ako.                      Well...

Ilocos Sur Governor Ryan Luis Singson, welcome, sir; officials, coaches and athletes of Palarong Pambansa 2019 led by its Secretary General William Ramirez.

Before I just give you the last sentence I'd like to acknowledge the presence of former governor --- congressman ah Ungab of the 3<sup>rd</sup> district. Sa kanya pong funding ito together with the --- well of course the father of Karlo. Pinagtutulungan-tulungan na ito so that this structure here would be erected and used by the Filipino people. Mga kababayan ko, mga anak.

I congratulate the local government and the people of Davao for hosting this annual sports event for the second time since 1950.

I am proud that after so many years, my home city will once again have the honor to welcome promising young athletes from all over the country.

I am confident that with the construction of the Davao City Sports Complex and the development of other sports infrastructure in the city, we could host other athletic events in the future.

Indeed, this sports complex that features a football field, a stadium and a rubberized track oval, among others, is a truly fitting venue for this occasion that will showcase the best that the city can offer.

On behalf of Davao City and the rest of the nation, I welcome our elementary and secondary students from public and private schools all over the country who will participate in 36 sports events and competitions.

I also wish all the best to the participants in the side events that include the Larong Pinoy or the Philippine Indigenous Games, which seeks to revive traditional Filipino games, as well as the Sports Heroes Day, which will provide our athletes the opportunity to interact with renowned sports personalities.

Sports is truly an effective avenue to instill among the youth essential characteristics for nation-building such as discipline, teamwork, perseverance and all.

Putulin ko muna dito. Kaya po ako naman ay talagang ginagawa ko lahat to protect the next generation. Itong lahat ng ito especially dito sa law and order remember I will not stay forever, in three years I will be gone. I will retire, you will forget me and that is good.

Look towards and not backwards. But leave me the --- a --- I asked leave a -- to say these things to you.

'Pag ang Pilipino hindi makaabot ng law and order enough for our civilization to survive maski ilang taon ang ibigay mo sa isang presidente walang mangyari. At kung ang Pilipino ayaw huminto sa graft and corruption, ganun rin.

Even if you give anybody, for as long as there is no law and order in this country and for as long as there is corruption in government, you can never expect development and progress to take place. Kaya kami you are just --- on the way is waiting. I'll leave it up to you to decide someday what you intend to do about your country. Inyo na 'yan.

You have so many options in a democracy. And maybe piliin lang ninyo 'yung tao na --- who has the heart. It could be a Muslim, it could be Maguindanao, it could be a Tausug, it could be an Ilocano. I studied in Manila and I stayed in a dormitory and I have met all of the tribes in the Philippines. And I am proud to be a Filipino.

Thus, I encourage parents to support their children to engage in sports and inspire them to always do their best in balancing sports and academics.

Sports is truly an effective avenue to instill among the youth essential characteristics. Sports plays an important role in encouraging the youth to live a healthy lifestyle and keep away from illegal drugs.

Shabu shrinks your brain. And when it is shrank, you are a living dead. Sabi ni Bato, there's about 1.6 million Filipinos addicted to shabu. Santiago who was his predecessor said there are 3 million. Both of them are correct actually. Kasi 'yung bilang noon sa panahon ko, right after I assumed office, talagang lumabas sila noong panahon ko na.

All the time the problem of drugs was swept under the rug. And to think that you have --- I would like to project a number of 7 million. Seven million Filipinos who are slaves to a drug called shabu. And ang social dysfunction ng family wala na.

'Pag ang breadwinner tumaob sa droga, this family will simply crumble. And 'yung malaman mo you know 'pag may tinamaan ito, he will get another one to support his vice. And this one will connect with --- and everybody of them. I supposed that the 7 million are also selling drugs.

That is why I said to you now and I said it before: Do not destroy our country. And to the foreigners, I would say to them, do not destroy the Philippines and do not destroy the youth of my land, papatayin ko talaga kayo. *[laughter and applause]* Papatayin ko talaga kayo.

Magustuhan mo man 'yan ang sinabi ko o hindi, hindi ako nagbibiro, talagang hihiritan ko kayo. And the last thing that I will do for my country if I go to hell to burn to eternity, so be it. Eh kung --- if they want me hanged or face a firing squad, I will be happy that I died for the next generation of Filipinos so that they'll have a comfortable life. *[applause]* 'Wag kayong magkamali. Hindi po ako nagbibiro.

Let me assure you that the government will continue to promote physical education and other relevant sports programs that will support our athletes in reaching for their dreams and aspirations.

We will empower them to become the best in their respective fields so they may bring pride to our nation when they compete in international events such as the forthcoming Southeast Asian Games that the Philippines will host from November 30 to December 11 of this year.

This administration remains determined in pursuing [its] campaign to eradicate illegal drugs, criminality and corruption. I need your support, our young athletes, in this endeavor if we are to ensure a safe and progressive future for the next generation of Filipinos.

One last paragraph galing sa akin. Alam mo the only thing that this country needs is for you, the young people, to assert your right. 'Yan lang. 'Pag niloko ka, hiningian ka o you are being corrupted you tell the other guy 'wag mo akong --- do not --- with me. Sabi ni Duterte sampalin daw kita 'pag hindi papatayin kita, isusumbong kita sa kanya.

Maski sino. It could be --- whatever. Policeman or taga gobyerno o taga mayor's office o taga Malacañan. Ako lang... Ang sinasabi ko, hindi ako nagyayabang kasi 'yung sa galit ko, matanong ninyo 'yang mga Presidential Guard, ako lang ang presidenteng nagbubugbog talaga diyan sa... Bago kita ihulog sa Pasig River.

Totoo. Tanungin mo 'yung mga guard. At ako lang ang presidente na nagpapakain ng pera. Now 'yung mga extortion in the airports ngayon wala na 'yan. Laglag bala, 'yung hihingi pagdating mo, you know, it's always the young, the vulnerable and 'yung mahihirap --- easily gets scared, tapos 'yung planting ng evidence.

Alam mo kasi na... P\*\*\*\*\*... 'Yung --- you know, when you are... May drugs diyan ilagay sa bulsa mo and it is not really what in fact it is, huhulihin ka, pagdating sa istasyon ibu-book ka. Then from there, there is no more release kasi 'yang droga is notailable.

Kaya ngayon 'pag nandiyan ka, ang nanay mo, tatay mo, magbayad na lang kaysa maghintay hanggang eternity bago matapos 'yang kaso. 'Yung mga racket na ganun, sinasabi ko sa lahat... Sandali ha, pigilan ko lang ang bunganga ko. *[laughter]*

Ayaw ko nang ganun. I do not want oppression. I do not want corruption. 'Pag nahuli kita nang ganun, mauuna ka sa impiyerno talaga. You will go ahead. But I will follow because I know that I will be going to hell. It's all right. Hindi naman tayo mag-ambisyon ng langit lahat eh at mapuno tayo doon. Tapos pagdating mo doon baka hindi ka pa papasukin.

Alam mo si San Pedro, busy masyado 'yan sa kanyang manukan. *[laughter]* 'Yung manok diyan nandiyan sa ano, sa gate, sige himas. Akala ko ba walang sabong sa...

Let us keep in mind that by instilling among our youth the values of self-discipline, teamwork and love of country --- itong love of country. We have to do something fellowmen. 'Pag may nakikita kang api-api diyan, 'wag mong palusutin. You do not have to fight, you just assert your right that "Look you are, you know --- this guy..." So tulungan mo, isumbong mo sa --- isumbong mo sa akin.

If it is a case of corruption, kung niloko ka, I will open the gates of Malacañan anytime of the day or night. Kumatok ka lang, sabihin mo lang diyan sa Presidential Guard na niloko ako, hinoldap ako, ginalaw ako, and I will go out with you and we --- we will try to solve the problem.

If we cannot solve the problem, we will solve him. Ganun lang 'yan. Either you give your victim justice or I will give it to you. So that if the parents are suffering, the parents are crying with blood, because what happened to the children... Ni hindi mo nga payagan 'yang langaw pati lamok dumapo sa katawan.

Tapos 'yung lumaki na 'pag high school, sisirain mo ang buhay. Hindi ako sang-ayon nang ganun. Talagang maski noon dito --- look at Davao. Sinabi ko ayaw ko, ayaw ko. 'Pag ginusto ng pulis, ginusto ng mayor, at magkaintindihan tayong lahat, walang kalokohan.

Sila pati ako. We try to avoid oppression, we try to avoid 'yung pangyabang. I was elected kailan lang, then I am on my remaining three years. But 'di bale, before this year --- three years end, ubusin ko 'yang mga... *[laughter]* Ubusin ko talaga 'yan para medyo problema ninyo ano...

Together, let us nurture the talents and patriotic fervor of our youth so that... Kita mo --- patriotic fervor... 2014, there are about 200 containers there sent by Canada para tayong ginagawa ng dumpsite. One day inabot ako ng --- ano ba 'yun sa Tagalog 'yang sapot?

Sabihin ko sa --- sabihin mo sa kanila i-karga ko 'yan next week. 'Pag hindi niyo tinanggap 'yang basura ninyo, ibubuhos ko 'yan doon sa magandang beach ninyo. T\*\*\* i\*\*... Do not... We are not a garbage dump here. The Filipinos are not scavengers. And you do that to us as I --- as I am wont to do, ganun ako, nagbababoy talaga ng tao.

So 'yan lang naman siguro... Gabi na. And the rains are coming. It's somewhere between --- it's the west side pati ang south mo nandoon, your northeast is here. So I think before the rains come, better go back and keep yourself warm. At kung hindi kayo kuntento sa kung anuman, pagkain o gusto mo bed that is comfortable, sabihin mo lang iche-check in kita sa Marco Polo or sa Insular Hotel. *[laughter]*

Okay? Totoo. 'Yung hindi lang naka... Eh meron dito 'yung mga mama's boy mag-iyak 'yan. I was once a Boy Scout. Sa jamboree, Laguna. I think it was a tent, jamboree.

Pagka gabi hindi makatulog maraming lamok tapos... Wala nagpapatung-patungan na kaming lahat eh hindi ako nasanay, iyak ako nang iyak. But that was part of learning what life is all about.

Salamat po. *[applause]*

I now officially declare the 2019 Palarong Pambansa open. *[applause]*

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