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**SPEECH OF
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE
DURING TOYOTA MOTOR PHILIPPINES
30TH ANNIVERSARY**

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Thank you for your courtesy. Kindly sit down.

I have... I might... Are you ready for the cocktails? *[laughter]* I have three pages to read and either we mix it up or we go home.

His Excellency Koji Haneda, Ambassador of Japan to the Philippines; Toyota Motor Corporation President Akio Toyoda; Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea; Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez; Trade and Industry Secretary Ramon Lopez and other members of the Cabinet; honorable members of the Senate, of the House of Representatives; officials and employees of Toyota Motor industry led by its Vice Chairman Alfred Ty and Satoru Suzuki; other distinguished guests; ladies and gentlemen.

If I talk about --- if you allow me to talk extemporaneous, you'll be standing there for about an hour and a half, unless you're ready, I'll just read my speech.

I seldom read speeches actually. I like just to ramble on and say what I feel for the moment. But naka-tindig kasi kayo pati ako medyo...

Today marks a milestone for one of the leading pioneers in the country's automotive industry. I therefore warmly congratulate Toyota Motor Philippines on the occasion of its 30th anniversary.

It is my pleasure to join you in celebrating your legacy of innovation that has set the foundation of a strong and growing automotive industry in the country. Over the past three decades, "Toyota" has become a household name on the road and the homes of many Filipino families. This speaks volumes about the impact of the [company] not only in moving goods and people, but also in charting the course of our country's future.

Toyota Motor [Philippines] is not only a leader in the production of quality vehicles. It is also a major driver of our economy, encouraging investments that spur national development. It is also a key generator of employment, nurturing the skills and talents of over 55,000 employees.

The corporation has also been our government's steadfast partner in many initiatives such as the Comprehensive Automotive Resurgence Strategy Program or CARS, which aims to attract more investments and implement regulations that will transform the Philippines into an automotive manufacturing hub.

As we continue to institute reforms in governance, Toyota Motor Philippines can count on my full support as it continues to bring the standards of the automotive industry to greater heights.

Today, I send a message to the rest of the business community: this government will protect you and your investments and will ensure a level-playing field for you to thrive in as long as you

obey the laws of the land and safeguard the welfare of your people and general public. *[applause]*

Continue to become an example for other corporations to emulate. Show [everyone] that big corporations can give back to their communities.

Through your corporate social responsibility initiatives such as scholarship opportunities, reforestation projects, annual dental and medical outreach programs, you have pursued a meaningful business that works towards the upliftment of local communities that works towards --- and the global environment. I ask you to continue doing so as we realize a more sustainable society.

I am delighted to know that your initiatives that uplift the lives of our underprivileged countrymen are in line with my administration's focus on eradicating illegal drugs, criminality and corruption in order to encourage business to grow.

As you prepare yourselves for another exciting 30 years ahead, I trust that you'll be one with me as we bring real and lasting change for the sake of our people.

Maraming salamat at mabuhay ang Toyota [Motor] Philippines.

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