

## **CLOSING STATEMENT**

GSIS Chairman Rodolfo del Rosario Jr.  
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Distinguished Colleagues and Honored Guests,

As we conclude this opening day of the 41st ASEAN Social Security Association Conference, I am struck by the wealth of knowledge and experience shared in our sessions.

The morning's highlight was our collective signing of the Sustainability Pledge – a strategic commitment that shapes our path forward. This document reflects our determination to build resilient social security systems that will benefit not just our current members, but generations to come.

The sessions showcased the innovative spirit across our region. Malaysia's insights on emerging trends, the Philippines' strategy for civil pension sustainability, and the groundbreaking approaches from our colleagues in Brunei, Thailand, and Vietnam all reinforced our theme of "Integration, Innovation, and Inclusion."

Today's presentations highlighted several key developments:

- Advanced data analytics in healthcare coverage
- Progressive voluntary healthcare schemes
- Digital transformation in service delivery
- Gender-responsive social protection

These discussions have revealed the remarkable potential when we combine our regional expertise with local insights.

To our corporate partners, your support has been instrumental in creating this platform for exchange and learning.

Looking beyond today's achievements, I see great promise in our shared journey. While building comprehensive social security systems across Southeast Asia remains complex, our collective wisdom and determination make any challenge surmountable. Each perspective shared here strengthens our understanding and capabilities.

As we move forward, let's remember that our work extends beyond policies and systems – it's about creating a more secure future for millions across our region. Our differences in approach enrich our solutions, while our shared commitment drives us toward excellence.

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extend my deepest appreciation to our hosts at the Government Service Insurance System of the Philippines for their outstanding organization. To our speakers, delegates, and the ASSA Secretariat – your contributions have made this day truly meaningful.

I now invite you to join us at the Welcome Reception at the historic Goldenberg Mansion in Malacañang. This evening offers an opportunity to deepen our connections in a more relaxed setting, celebrating both our progress and the promising path ahead.

I look forward to our continued collaboration.

Thank you, and good afternoon.