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**SPEECH OF  
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE  
DURING THE 45TH PHILIPPINE BUSINESS  
CONFERENCE AND EXPO**

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Thank you. Kindly sit down.

Excellencies of the diplomatic corps; Agriculture Secretary William Dar; Trade and Industry Secretary Ramon Lopez and other members of the Cabinet; Presidential Adviser for Entrepreneurship Jose Ma. Concepcion; Senator Bong Go; Dr. William Co, Chairman of the 45th Business --- Philippine Business Conference and Expo; the Board of Directors and Officers of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry led by its President Ma. Alegria Limjoco and Chairman George Barcelon; distinguished awardees of the 2019 Philippine Business Conference and Expo; other esteemed guests; ladies and gentlemen.

I have a three pages prepared speech, not by me but my staff. And therefore, maybe if I find something amiss here or things which I have to explain to you again, I might add my own sentiments on the matter.

I congratulate the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry for successfully organizing the 45th Philippine Business Conference and Exposition which aims to discuss the opportunities offered by the evolving digital economy.

I likewise recognize this year's awardees for their invaluable contributions to our country's business and socio-economic development. I thank you for your consistently promoting ways to develop and sustain the growth of our domestic products, especially our medium, small and micro enterprises.

Today, we highlight the inevitable and increasing [digitization] and technological innovation in business as well as the need for our industries to [cope] with the changes it brings.

The government is a part --- on its part is working hard in bridging the digital divide by establishing the necessary infrastructure that will give our people access to better information technology services and by implementing programs that will enhance the skills of the labor force to cater [to] the digital economy.

Indeed, a strong business sector is key to inclusive growth. Hence, the administration will continue to foster a dynamic exchange of ideas among policymakers and business and development partners and other stakeholders through various platforms such as Sulong Pilipinas.

I am [almost?] happy that PCCI signed a partnership agreement with the DENR and the Natural Resources Development Corporation. The environment is a priority under my administration. Business should not only comply with all environmental rules and regulations but shall also take part of taking care of the environment. This is your duty as citizens of this country.

You can contribute by helping us build more disposal sites for our waste and treatment facilities. And for waste water and farms to produce food to nourish our people in the years to come.

This conference and expo is also an important occasion to propose various development plans and recommendations that will help us craft measures for greater competitiveness and efficiency.

In fact, several of your community's recommendations are now being reviewed and implemented. Some of those include the streamlining and simplification of government processes, active conduct of peace efforts to address local insurgencies and initiatives that bring about sustainable development.

Rest assured that the government will remain committed in exploring and implementing measures that foster dynamic business growth and development for the benefit of our people.

Together, let us harness the strength, ingenuity, and resources of the business sector towards building a stronger and more progressive Philippines.

Before I say thank you, let me just say a few words. In --- I don't know where we are now. But they say in Third World countries, things go ever slow. It's because of inexperience, outright ignorance, or corruption.

I have tried my best day one of my administration to really do something about corruption. Good that we have now the ease of doing business. Pero ako, nagsasalita na ng Tagalog at hindi naman ako mahusay mag-Tagalog, Bisaya ako. If I intersperse my Tagalog with Visayan, you start asking your seatmate if you --- kung alam ba nila ang Bisaya. Otherwise, hindi tayo magkaintindihan dito.

Pero ganito 'yan eh. Sinabi ko na noon, I am bent to minimize, if not totally eradicate which is a long, long dream in government. Ngayon, sinasabi ko sa inyo na katulong ko kayo. I cannot succeed no matter how, even if I fire or dismiss every day as I did, as I've been doing for the last so many months 'pag hindi kayo tumulong sa akin.

I need badly the cooperation of the business sector. Ang sinabi ko na sa inyo. If there is somebody, just a mere whisper about corruption o maghingi, paabutin lang po ninyo sa akin kasi kailangan ko 'yung input ninyo to better serve my country and thereby fulfill what I promised to the people.

Ang ito, simple lang. At the first mention of corruption in exchange for what you are applying for, following up, well just let me know and I will guarantee you that I will call the guy you are complaining for the delay or just putting it up to another day to act. Paalaman mo lang ako. Those are the ways of corruption.

I've been telling government and the Cabinet, na kung may mag-apply sa inyong opisina. Alam naman ninyo kung ano ang kailangan. If it's DENR, if it is DAR, if it is DILG. I've been telling them, kung ganito ang kailangan ng tao, prepare a list, a shopping list for them to comply and submit.

Oras pinasok na 'yung application nila, lagyan ninyo ng date at pipirmahan ninyo. At sa logbook, there must be a logbook, pipirmahan rin ng tao. Do not add or do not takeaway or sub --- subtract any paper at all.

Now, kung sabihin mo sa kanila, sa inyo, bumalik kayo ng ganitong araw, ganitong oras, bumalik kayo. And if you are not given the papers already approved, duly signed, lahat na except for the... Just release. 'Pag ayaw nila, go to --- to me directly. Nandiyan lang naman 'yang Malacañan. Pwede naman kayong...

I may not know all of you but I'm sure that you know one or two or three na may contact. Sabihin mo, "Kilala mo ba 'yan si Rodrigo?" "O 'di sabihin mo nga may reklamo ako sa kanya." And I will give you the space. I will even cut a Cabinet meeting just to [applause] hear you out.

Sabihin mo lang, "Tell him that this is a matter of corruption." Be it with the police o kung diyan sa Finance o sa census. Lahat.

Sabi ko sa Cabinet meeting, you know, if you move in that time --- in that time frame always, wala tayong matatapos. T\*\*\* i\*\*\*\* 'to, opisinang 'to. Wala. 'Di para akong buang. Sabi ko lang siguro iilan lang 'yung --- I would say a landmark decision to do this and do that.

Kaya kalaki ko ng gastos diyan sa computer na 'yan. Halos araw-araw puro computer, puro computer. P\*\*... Ano naman --- ano namang silbi ng computer kung hindi niyo gamitin? So what's the use of buying computers and still you come up with a paperwork almost three months, almost one year. NEDA, almost two years. Ang p\*\*... Ano na 'yan, kalokohan na 'yan.

Ibig sabihin... [applause] Ibig sabihin, you're f\*\*\*\*\* me. That's it because I make the promises, I make the guarantees and here you are b\*\*\*\*\* and taking your own good time.

Alam mo, 'pag pinabalik-balik ninyo, makinig kayo ma --- makinig kayong mga taga-gobyerno. 'Pag pinabalik-balik mo itong mga gobyerno --- ah taga-gobyerno --- nagta-transact ng gobyerno o 'yung mga representative nila o karamihan mga bookkeeper nila

pabalik-balikin ninyo, 'yan. Ang ibig sabihin niyan gusto mo pera. Kapag ganun ang gusto mo, hindi tayo magkaintindihan niyan.

'Yun na 'yun. Ilan na 'yan? Ilang presidente na 'yan? Kung anong --- kung anong pinag-uutos hanggang ngayon. I know that those... There were well-meaning presidents in the past who really wanted to give the kind of service that the people deserve. And here are you guys, hanggang ngayon. Gusto ko magmura. Mag-inom na lang ako kasi para mag... [laughter and applause]

I just fired yesterday the --- 'yung... A subsidiary of PNOC, it's a company. Here is a guy who prepared a contract with the Russians and the Russians thought that it --- that was all there is to it. 'Yung gusto niya, wala naman pala siyang... He wanted now the Board of Trustees to ratify what he prepared.

Kaya sabi ko, "Adre, abogado ka?" "Yes." Sabi ko, "Ano 'yung kalokohan mo na baliktad? Instead of you given the power to draft, to prepare, to whatnot, and then after that have it approved by the Board of Directors. Baliktad ang gusto mo eh. Ikaw 'yung contract and you want the Board of Directors to ratify your idiotic contract."

So maraming ganon. 'Di mo lang malaman. The ways of corruption, hindi mo talaga malaman, hindi mo masilip. It's on paper, even the itong... Ako, I suggest that if you are assessed by the BIR, given the...

Well, you know, the strictness of Sonny Dominguez pati si BIR, bayad na lang kayo ng ano para wala ng gulo and you are freed for all time of any pressure or you put in yourself into a compromise. Walain mo na lang kaagad para wala ng maraming istorya. Gusto ko lang mag-report kayo.

Alam mo, there was one time. Nandiyan sila Secretary Lopez pati 'yung ibang ano. Here was one guy. The application, certain transaction in his department was late for about two years. So nalaman ko, sinabi ko sa kanya, "Either you explain to this --- to me that --- the ways that I can understand or you have to go." Maya nag --- gumawa siya. And you know what, ang slides niya was three pages.

Number one, clearance sa BIR, clearance sa... Clearance doon sa DENR, clearance doon sa census and statistics, clearance doon sa... Lahat ng gobyerno. Kaya napresenta niya, while he was talking, I cut him off and I said, "Excuse me."

So I stood up. In the presence of all my Cabinet, sabi ko, "You know, the requirements that you are now narrating, those are requirements that can be completed after two presidents after me. P\*\*\*\*\* i\*\* hindi para sa akin 'yan, leche ka." [applause]

Bakit mo hingiin ang police clearance? Gagastos ka na nga ng milyon, maghingi ka pa ng police clearance. 'Di hayaan mo kung talagang kawatan. Ipasagasaan natin para... At one time, he will always cross the street somewhere in Makati, eh 'di sagasaan mo

na lang para makatabla ka. But don't give me that s\*\*\* of... You cannot. Hindi mo matapos 'yan.

[Someone?] now who says that some offices... Well, ako sa Davao noon three days, especially if it would require ocular inspection. Hindi naman kasi lahat ng permit malagyan --- mabigyan mo eh. There are permits that would require for you to have a visual of the thing that you are approving. I can swallow it, really.

Pero kung sabihin mo mag-abot tayo ng isang buwan, dalawang buwan, there's still no reason for it. It's just that talagang --- talagang tamad ka. An indolent. And you are not doing your duty properly.

Kaya ako, sabihin ninyo pag-file niyo, "Kailan ako babalik?" You tell your bookkeeper. Hindi naman kayo eh. And your external relations officer. Kaya papuntahin mo doon tapos kailan ako balik. 'Pag matagal agad, bakit katagal? Can we have a shorter period, kesyo marami kayong trabaho. Eh 'di mag-overtime ka, bayaran kita. I'll pay for the extra time that you render.

But begin --- do not [need?] that s\*\*\* about six months. Walang mangyari itong Pilipinas na ito. There might be some businesses that will survive the initial delay. Pero 'yung iba, by and large, mahirap. Ngayon kung hindi kayo magtulong sa akin, hindi niyo isumbong sa akin kagaya ng fire. P\*\*\*\*\* i\*\* mag-ano ka ng fire, pabilihan ka ng fire extinguisher. [laughter and applause]

'Di sabihin mo, "Chief, pwede ba natin subukan ito? Baka hindi 'to magtrabaho itong p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*\*\* 'to." Eh 'di tanggalin mo 'yung lock tapos pasirit mo sa mukha mo. [laughter] Tapos magsabi siya, "Ginawa mo ano? Patayin kita o idemanda kita?" Sabihin mo, "Sabi ni Duterte ganun gawin ko sir. Sabi ni Duterte ganun, ganun exactly."

At saka kung idemanda ka, magsumbong sa akin. Sabihin ko siya, he who is the cause of the cause is the cause of them all. You started everything, f\*\*\*\*\* asking for money, grease money.

So you started everything. Ngayon nagkagulo, kami ang idemanda mo. P\*\*\*\*\* i\*\* mo patayin kita. Ikaw rin nag-umpisa eh. Ganun ang pilosopiya ko.

Huwag mong umpisahan kasi 'pag nag-umpisahan mo, kung anong magdating sa iyo, huwag mo akong --- do not point a f\*\*\*\*\* ... You started it. Sikmurain mo. Ang mga kriminal, hindi ko naman sinasabi... Do not because I will kill you. Eh talagang papatayin kita. If you destroy my country, I will kill you. Nothing could be more clearer than that.

And when was it wrong for a President of a country to say, "I will kill you if you destroy my country." Tell me what is wrong with that statement. Kayong mga... 'Yung mga... May human rights ba dito? Masipa ko kayo. Tell me what is wrong. Tell me what is wrong if I say, "Do not destroy our children. They are our only assets."

Kaming mga walang pera, kaming walang mga negosyo, pag-retire namin, saan kami? Ilan lang ang... Presidente, walang retirement. Magtanong kayo. 'Yung GSIS lang namin. You think that if I ret --- mabuti nga ako umabot ng 74. Eh 'yung mga pulis, 'yung mga --- itong mga sundalo, ito. Eh ito mga PMAer 'to. They retire at the age of 56.

So, 56 meron pang pang-apat na anak na high school pa. 'Yan lang ang pag-asa nila kasi pagtanda nila, 'yun 'yung mga anak nila ang susubo ng antibiotic nila sa kutsara. Tapos mag-ano --- painumin ng lugaw. 'Yung --- tatanda tayo eh. We will grow old and we will grow inutile.

Saan kami ngayon itong --- o if not for me... Kayong mga dito --- 'yung mga waiters, 'yung the toiling masses diyan sa labas, anong... Tapos gawain mong shabu addict 'yung...

You know, one family of five, t\*\*\* i\*\* 'pag itong tatay bumagsak sa droga, the entire family becomes dysfunctional. Ang masakit diyan, kung mag-away na 'yan --- because there can never be peace in a family where there is a drug addict --- wala 'yan, sige away. Itong mga --- itong mga babae, 'yung 17 pepekehin 'yan. Sabay ng nanay magpunta sa Middle East. Pagdating doon, patrabahuin, walang pagkain na husto, p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\* aabusuhin pa.

Because in the --- hindi, hindi lahat para ma... Do not overstretch my statement. May ibang tribo sa Arab na ikaw 'pag binabayaran ka or you are bought from the slaves market in Africa, rape is always part of the territory every day.

Kaya ako nasasaktan sa mga p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*. Ilan 'yan? Magsabi ka lang na one hun --- one million six sabi ni Bato. P\*\*\*. 'Yung one million six was just a count in Manila, those who surrendered before the TVs.

Hindi nila binilang ang Davao. Bacolod is badly hit now and I placed Espenido there. 'Yung tinatakutan nila na pulis.

Sabi ko, "Go there and you are free to kill everybody." T\*\*\* i\*\*\*\* 'yan. "Go, start killing them." Ako nang --- dalawa na tayong pa-presyo.

Ilan lang 'yan? Ilang anak? Pag-alis, iiwan sa kapit-bahay, iiwan sa pinsan, iiwan sa kapatid, iwan sa best friend. O how do you think the Filipino by the next generation? What --- what would be the face of the Filipino? Shabu? Huwag na tayong magbolahan. Just look at the crawler. Every day 'yan, araw-araw, shabu, shabu, shabu.

Itong mga p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*\*\* human rights akala mo bingi. T\*\*\*\*\* kayong mga p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\* ninyo. 'Yan ang hindi niyo na alam eh. And you grieve with one carcass there of a criminal? Hindi mo nga tiningnan kung anong ginawa, anong nagawa nitong mga p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*\*\* 'to.

Raping a blind mother, raping the wife, raping the 14 years old, pati 'yung four years old, patayin pa. And look what happened. Maligaya ba ang Pilipino? Kayo, balewala kayo mabasa ninyo. But how about that one-year-old boy, tinali ang p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*. Tinali nang parang "x" ng kahoy tapos ni-rape sa pwet. He was raped, anal. One-year-old boy sa Makati.

'Yung iba, "Ah, o talaga 'yan." Pero ako, hindi. Nagdadamdandam ako. P\*\*\*\*\* i\*\* sabihin ko sa inyo maski isa lang, maski isang ganun lang pangyayari talagang I will hunt for you. And if I get hold of you, you will die.

Mag-rape ka ng bata na one year old, you will die. Mag-rape ka tapos patayin mo ang babae, nakawan mo pa, you will die. Wala akong pakialam.

For again, I will also die anyway, so magsama-sama na kami sa impiyerno. Kung sinong gusto ninyong sumama sa amin, halikayo. [applause]

Well, allow me a time to travel to another field of... Pero 'yan eh, 'yan ang Pilipinas. Kaya kung hindi mo budyakan, hindi mo talaga puntahan, pwede mo suntukin.

Alam mo, sa totoo lang. Ayan o, 'yung mga guwardiya o, ang PSG. Wala man lang loyalty 'yan kasi ang loyalty niyan in the country. 'Yang lahat 'yan sila umiikot. Lahat ng sundalo sa six years ko, lahat ng sundalo sa Pilipinas, dadaan ng PSG 'yan. Ayan, tanungin ninyo.

P\*\*\* 'pag extortion ka, p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\* kakainin mo talaga 'yang pera mo. Maniwala ka. Kaya 'yung mga extortionists, 'yang mga mahihirap pa. 'Yung mga 1, 2, 3, na Kapa-Kapa, 'yung pyramiding.

Ayan 'pag nag --- pag nakursunadahan kita, dalhin mo dito 'yan sa Malacañan. Kung ano ang dala ng pera mo, ubusin mo 'yan. P\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*, 'pag hindi mo naubos, pasabugin ko 'yang bayag mo. Hindi pa baril, labintador. Talian mo ng trianggulo 'yang [yagball?] mo.

Totoo. Tawag ka ng mga pulis diyan. Pati 'yang coin na maliit, magsabi, "Ito o." Ang sabi man, "Sir, mag --- magbara man 'yan sa tiyan." "Tama. Talagang babara ito sa tiyan, hindi naman ito pagkain eh, pera 'to. Inumin mo. 'Pag hindi mo nilunok 'yung p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\* --- bantay ka sa akin. Lunukin mo."

Lunok. Tapos sabihin ko, "'Pag hindi ka na mag-tae, punta ka dito. Purgahin kita ng used oil ng mga truck diyan sa PSG. Sigurado 'yan."

You know, I'll just --- alam na ninyo ano ko. Basta 'yang corruption you have an access to me 24 hours. Alam mo kasi dito may mga --- may mga Pilipino, itong nasa droga, hold-up, itong mga pulis na ito, p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\* mamamatay 'yan tingnan mo. Huwag mo akong bigyan ng mga ninja cops na 'yung mga --- mga gangster kayo, leche.

You know, kayong mga ninja, kayong mga holdaper, kayong mga drug pusher, akala ninyo kayo lang ang matigas because you think that you have a monopoly of evil in this country. Well, I think you are --- that's a very stupid paradigm because I can be evil like you and more than if I want to be.

Pero, if I decided to be a good boy, I am a good boy like now. [laughter and applause]

In my speech, environment here --- I have been mentioned several times. Well, in any business, maski ano, you'll always have a waste. Maski wala kang negosyo, umagang-umaga may waste ka eh.

So let us not forget the environment. May... Kagaya nitong ano. I am not --- I'm not sure what... I think these guys do not like me and I do not like them. Meron tayo dito.

We've been paying, the Filipino people, Manila. We have been paying for a water treatment fee. Sa tubig natin, sinali na 'yan. Sa totoo lang, diyan banda sa [unclear] 'yan dapat 'yang water treatment na 'yan. Akala mo ba sige sila kolekta?

Hanggang ngayon, walang water treatment. 'Yung tubig sa canal, dumadaan lang ng ilang nylon na mosquitero 'yan. Pagka medyo brown-brown na 'yan, ipasok 'yan. But there is no water treatment and yet we are paying.

Tandaan lang ninyo 'yan. You will remember me one day for that. Pero I think I still have two years. I can create hell for everybody. Very easy. You just be a bad boy. Tapos mag-walang hiya ka lang. Yariin mo lahat.

But anyway, I was very much... I'm... I purposely went to this topic because in Russia, while we were in the university, I... Nung I received my doctorate. Binigyan ako ng doctorate degree. [applause] Hindi ko malaman kung mag-iyak ako o magtawa. [laughter]

You know, as a matter of public and personal policy or conviction, I do not accept awards. The last time I can remember when I was solving a problem sa hostage-taking sa Davao. And I offered myself. Sabi ko, "Palabasin mo lang 'yang babae pati 'yang yaya. Ako ang magpa-hostage." And I did.

Tapos some international body wanted to give me the award and I said, "No need. I do not accept awards." You know, I am paid to do exactly what I did. And if I die doing it, bayad na ako. And that has always been my past. Hindi ako tumatanggap ng kung ano.

Wala akong... And I discourage people na 'yang ako ang speaker, bigyan ako ng award. Ayaw ko. I am not... I am not up to it, actually. Hindi ako nag-a-accept ng award.

If you really want to award me or may remuneration na gusto ninyong ibigay, not the award. Set a date, a dinner date for me with the most beautiful lady in this room. [laughter and applause]



If there is no the most beautiful lady, then the next beautiful lady, and the next beautiful lady. And I'm sure there's always one. And I will be happy and I will remember you. If not, I will just forget you.

Maraming salamat po. [applause]

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