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Message of
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE
to H.E. President Xi Jinping
of the People's Republic of China

On the Occasion of the 46th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations
between the Republic of the Philippines and
the People's Republic of China
9 June 2021

I extend my warmest felicitations on the 46th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the Republic of the Philippines and the People's Republic of China.

The Philippines and China enjoy a deep and abiding friendship that predates by centuries the establishment of diplomatic relations. This is an enduring bond that we value deeply.

Over the past four decades, our ties have grown and deepened through concrete and purposive cooperation.

In the face of the challenges of a global pandemic, China's timely acts of solidarity and assistance have helped the Philippines take crucial steps towards healing and economic recovery.

Philippines-China economic ties are of course the dynamic force that will continue to drive our bilateral relations forward. I am confident that my Administration's *Build Build Build* program, together with the Belt and Road Initiative, will reap long-term benefits for our peoples.

As we approach the golden anniversary of our diplomatic ties, win-win cooperation will ensure that our relations will remain a partnership for greater peace, progress and prosperity for our countries and the larger region. **END**