WELCOME REMARKS

FINANCE SECRETARY CARLOS G. DOMINGUEZ III SULONG PILIPINAS 2018 NOVEMBER 26, 2018 | CLARK, PAMPANGA





SULONG PILIPINAS 2016 happened in the midst of hectic preparations for the transition to a new presidency.

Photo Source: MindaNews

By automating our bureaucratic processes and integrating online mechanisms in day-today transactions, we do not just bring our people closer to their government. We also forge a vibrant and productive relationship that will redound to the benefit of the people.

President Rodrigo Duterte

on the signing into law of the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act on May 28, 2018 at the Malacañan Palace

This will not only enhance administrative governance, reduce corruption, curtail bureaucratic red tape, and promote the ease of doing business, but also avert fraudulent transactions, strengthen financial inclusion, and create a more secure environment for our people.

President Rodrigo Duterte

on the signing into law of the Philippine System Identification Act (PhilSys Act) on August 6, 2018 at the Malacañan Palace I applaud Congress for the timely passage of the TRAIN law. You have made funds available to build better roads and bridges, and improve health and education, and strengthen our safety and security.

President Rodrigo Duterte

Third State of the Nation Address (SONA) on July 23, 2018 at the session hall of the House of Representatives in Batasang Pambansa Complex, Quezon City







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MORE RAILWAYS, MASS URBAN TRANSPORT, AIRPORTS AND SEAPORTS

> MORE BRIDGES AND ROADS

NEW AND BETTER CITIES



RAPID ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Infrastructure and Other Capital Outlays Spending (in PHP Billion)

2017 Actual	2018 (January to September)		Variance Program vs Actual		Year-on- Year
(January to September)	Program	Actual	Amount	Percent	Growth (%)
391.2	532.6	570.8	38.2	7.2	45.9

INFRASTRUCTURE SPENDING FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 2018 IS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER BY 65.3% COMPARED TO THE LAST FULL YEAR OF THE AQUINO ADMINISTRATION

Infrastructure and Other Capital Outlays Spending (in PHP Billion)

2018 (January to September)		Variance Program vs Actual		
Program	Actual	Amount	Percent	
532.6	570.8	38.2	7.2	
2015 (January to December)		Variance Program vs Actual		
Program	Actual	Amount	Percent	
431.6	345.3	-86.3	-20	

Chico River Pump Irrigation Project

This will irrigate 8,700 hectares of agricultural land, benefitting 4,350 farmers and serving 21 barangays in Cagayan and Kalinga.

New Clark City

A 9,450-hectare (94km²) master-planned city within the Clark Freeport and Special Economic Zone designed to be the Philippines' largest and first smart, green, and disaster-resilient metropolis.

Clark International Airport New Terminal Building project

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Involves the construction of a new 82,600 m² Passenger Terminal Building (PTB), with a design capacity of 8 million passengers per annum (MPPA).

TAX COLLECTIONS OF BIR AND BOC FOR THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF 2018 IS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER BY 16.58% COMPARED TO THE LAST FULL YEAR OF THE AQUINO ADMINISTRATION

Total Tax Collections of BIR and BOC (in PHP Billion)

2018 (January to October)		Variance Program vs Actual	
Program	Actual	Amount	Percent
2,168.9	2,099.5	-69.4	-3

2015 (January to December)		Variance Program vs Actual	
Program	Actual	Amount	Percent
2,110.5	1,800.8	-309.7	-15

Source: Bureau of the Treasury

THE FINANCING WE AVAILED OF ARE SOFT LOANS AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE INTEREST RATES AND THE LONGEST POSSIBLE TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Estimated Debt Load of Current and Pipeline Project Loans from China and Japan as Against the Total Debt

	Current	Including Scheduled for 2018	Including Scheduled until 2022
China	0.11%	0.65%	4.5%
Japan	3.17%	8.90%	9.5%

We borrow with **GREAT PRUDENCE**, aware that it is the **TAXPAYER** who ultimately pays for the debt. Taken as a whole, the BUILD, BUILD, BUILD PROGRAM will lay down the modern infrastructure that will enable our economy to SUSTAIN ITS GROWTH MOMENTUM and LIBERATE EVEN MORE OF OUR PEOPLE FROM POVERTY in the medium term.

The Philippines remains one of the BEST PERFORMING ECONOMIES in the region and its OUTLOOK IS STRONG

Photo Source: Justin James Wright (gettyimages)

RISING INVESTMENTS HIGHLIGHT CONFIDENCE IN PHILIPPINE GROWTH PROSPECTS

Net Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Flows (In USD Billion)



THE TIGHT SPREADS OF OUR BOND ISSUANCES INDICATE CONFIDENCE IN OUR FISCAL AND DEBT MANAGEMENT

GLOBAL BONDS

- 2 billion US dollars 10-year global bonds
- Issued on January 2018
- 37.8 basis points

PANDA BONDS

- 1.46 billion renminbi 3-year Panda bonds
- Issued on March 2018
- 35 basis points

SAMURAI BONDS

- 154.2 billion yen multitranche Samurai bonds
- Issued on August 2018
- 34.7 basis points

Source: Bureau of the Treasury

The role played here by **DECISIVE LEADERSHIP** cannot be understated...

TAX REFORM PACKAGE 2 MAIN HIGHLIGHTS

Reduction of corporate income tax rates This will bring our tax regime closer to the regional average, help us attract investments to fuel our economic growth, and benefit small and medium enterprises that employ the biggest number of Filipinos.

Rationalization of fiscal incentives This will create a level playing field for our enterprises and attract new players to compete.

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