



National Day of The Philippines



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MESSAGE



A glorious Philippine Independence Day to all our beloved countrymen at home and abroad!

The Filipino nation is more than just a confluence of our history and culture, our political struggles for freedom, or the sum of all our citizens put together. In its truest and largest sense, the life of our nation — its fundamental reality and supreme vitality — rests on the enduring foundations of love of God, love of country and Mother Earth, and love of fellow men.

It is for this reason that we have adopted for the 96th year observance of our independence the theme, "Ang Filipino: Makabiyos, Makabayang, Makatao, Makakalikasan." These are the self-same principles enunciated by Apolinario Mabini's decalogue, by Andres Bonifacio's "Pag-ibig sa Tinubuang Lupa," by Emilio Jacinto's "Kartilya ng Katipunan," as well as by Dr. Jose Rizal and our other heroic forebears.

By loving God as the fountainhead of all truth, goodness, honor and justice; we also attain our own perfection and thus contribute to the progress of humanity.

By loving our country after God, we honor the patrimony of our race and the bounties of our inheritance, and preserve these for the benefit of our descendants. Our new emphasis on the protection of our environment underlines our concern today for the development of our beloved Philippines on a sustainable basis.

By loving our countrymen, we bind ourselves to the same joys and sorrows, the same aspirations and interests that make for peace, unity and the preservation of life.

Today, the Philippines is at the threshold of greater social, economic, political and cultural growth as it enters the 21st century. It is only by forging anew our unity and enhancing our freedom on the basis of far-reaching reforms, change and renewal — anchored on a profound love of God, of country and Mother Earth, and of fellow men — can we attain our individual and collective goals, and find our rightful place in a just, peaceful and prosperous world.

MABUHAY ANG SAMBAYANANG FILIPINO!
MABUHAY ANG REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS!

Fidel V Ramos
President of the Republic of the Philippines

The Story of Philippine Independence

THE 12th of June is Philippine Independence Day. Filipinos in their 7,107 islands and all over the world will observe today as the 96th anniversary of their historic declaration of independence from Spanish colonial rule. For on this day, on 12 June, 1898, the revolutionary leader and President of the first Philippine Republic General Emilio Aguinaldo proclaimed the freedom of the Filipinos.

This crowning moment had its historic prelude. Ever since the Spanish conquistadors subdued the Filipino *datus* in Cebu and Manila by 1565, there had been hundreds of individual Filipino revolts, mostly waged on a regional or ethnic basis, against Spanish rule. Spain had suppressed these revolts mainly through "divide and rule." In an island nation with 87 major languages, the uprising in one part of the archipelago was often quashed by the use of loyal subjects from another.

It was not until the latter part of the 19th century, however, that a national movement

against Spanish rule emerged. In 1872, Filipino priests Jose Burgos, Mariano Gomez and Jacinto Zamora, were executed for demanding greater Filipinization of the clergy. It was the heroism of these martyrs that helped shape the nationalism of Jose Rizal, who, even as youth, had begun to conceive of the islands as a nation. A many-sided genius educated in the Philippines and in Europe, Dr Rizal, who spoke and wrote in 22 languages, was an ophthalmologist, naturalist, historian, painter, sculptor, poet, swordsman, chess master, novelist, and thinker. He virtually led the "Propaganda Movement" of Filipino expatriates in Europe who sought greater autonomy for their country. His two novels caricaturing Spanish religious and political misrule inspired a revolution and cost him his life. After his exile in remote Dapitan in Mindanao, he was imprisoned and on 30 Decem-



A proud flag flies over the proud monument of Lapu-Lapu, the first Filipino to repulse foreign intervention.

ber, 1896 he was executed by firing squad in Manila.

Rizal, the national hero of the Philippines, did not die in vain. His martyrdom re-intensified the revolution. The uprising was first led in August 1896 by Andres Bonifacio. By the time General Aguinaldo assumed leadership in 1897, the revolt had become a full-scale war between the Spanish and Filipino armies. It was during a brief truce amidst a military stalemate between the warring sides that the Americans stepped into the picture. On 1 May, 1898, a US fleet under Commo. George Dewey crushed the Spanish navy in the Battle of Manila Bay, part of the Spanish-American War that had erupted over Cuba thousands of miles away.

Thereafter, the Filipino troops resumed the fight against the Spanish and soon conquered many of the provinces surrounding Manila. It was in the town of Kawit, in Cavite (one of these liberated provinces) and his hometown, that Aguinaldo declared the independence of the Philip-

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Philippine - Bangladesh Relations

THE Philippines formally recognized Bangladesh on 24 February 1972, shortly after Bangladesh's emergence as a new sovereign nation in December 1971.

The two countries officially exchanged resident ambassadors in 1981. Since then, they have maintained friendly relations and cooperated in many global and regional issues.

Bangladesh and the Philippines have supported each other in many instances in their respective candidacies in United Nations agencies and other international bodies. They have also shared similar views as seen in their support for various UN resolutions concerning many issues.

The close ties between the two countries started under Prime Minister Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Afterwards, the visits to Manila by former President Ziaur Rahman in 1980 and former President Hussain Muhammad Ershad in 1989 opened the doors for the expansion of Philippine-Bangladesh relations. President Zia's visit paved the way for the exchange of Ambassadors. His visit also resulted in the conclusion of a trade agreement and a cultural agreement. President Ershad's visit produced an agreement for economic and technical cooperation, a maritime agreement and a special trading arrangement. These agreements have recently been

ratified and both sides should now be geared for increased trade and economic relations. On 24 March 1994, representatives from the two countries signed an air services agreement that is expected to culminate in flights between Dhaka and Manila by Biman and Philippine Airlines.

The Technical Assistance Council of the Philippines (TAC), since its inception in 1979, has extended assistance to Bangladesh. Participants from Bangladesh have availed themselves of the Council's training programmes on rural banking, project study prepa-

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PHILIPPINE EMBASSY STAFF IN DHAKA TODAY: From left: Mr. Napoleon P. Hernandez, Attache; Dr. MacArthur F. Corsino, Charge d' Affaires, a.i.; Mr. Jose R. Burgos, Second Secretary and Consul; Mr. Ramon L. Lopez, Consular Assistant; and Mr. Samuel C. Angeles, Aattache. Not in picture, Mr. Normandy Macadangang, Attache.

Trading with the Philippines

TODAY, more and more discriminating buyers are turning to the Philippines as their preferred source of quality goods and services. From basic commodities and consumer manufactures to technologically-advanced industrial goods and highly-technical consultancies, top-of-the-line Philippine exports are making their presence felt in international markets.

Rich in natural and human resources, having the facilities and infrastructure to support business, and enjoying a popular government whose primary concern is economic development, the Philippines is high on the list of an entrepreneur looking for a profitable place to do business.

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B. P. Sheet
Sugar
Cement/Clinker
Miscellaneous items:
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Raw jute
Jute goods
Jute carpets
Tea
Crust/Finished Leather
Miscellaneous items:
urea, newsprint, super enameled copper wire, electric and telephone cables, herbal medicine, etc.

TOP TEN PHILIPPINE EXPORTS 1993

1. Electronics
2. Garments
3. Fresh Food
4. Processed Food
5. Copra and Coconut Products
6. Gifts, Toys and Houseware
7. Metal Manufactures
8. Mineral Products (copper, gold, etc.)
9. Machinery and Transport Equipment
10. Fashion Accessories and Leather Goods

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To Filipino Communities Abroad

For too many years, we have defined our national life in a way contrary to our unity and progress. We have alienated ourselves from one another and become divided by factionalism, petty bickering and distrust.

But today, as we celebrate the 96th Anniversary of the Philippine Independence, and in the midst of our trials, we must learn how strong we can be if we only stand together. In the midst of renewed hopes for the future, we must rise above our differences and share a common vision of what our nation can become.

Before us lies the challenge to act separately and achieve little or to act together and achieve more. We will not be able to move our country toward progress and prosperity if we will not work together.

Our anniversary theme, "Ang Filipino: Makadiyos, Makabayang, Makatao, Makakalikasan," is a challenge to us to turn this occasion into opportunities by which we can be more responsible for our country by helping one another and by working together so that we can attain our highest hopes and dreams.

It is therefore my sincere



hope that this celebration will serve to redefine our national life in terms of cooperation and unity, and working together, taking what we can from the best of others and giving what we can to them.

God bless the Philippines and its people always.
MABUHAY ANG PILIPINAS,
MABUHAY TAYONG LAHAT!

Joseph Ejercito Estrada
Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines

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I join the rest of our countrymen overseas in observing the 96th Anniversary of Philippine Independence. It is significant to note that we are already preparing for the centennial celebration of Philippine Independence in 1998 when we also turn the corner for the year 2000, the year President Fidel V Ramos targeted for the Philippines to reach Newly Industrializing Country (NIC) status.

The Centennial in 1998 will be a crucial year for all Filipinos; it will in a way be a glimpse into the future and how far the country's economic development has moved under President Ramos' stewardship and his "Philippines 2000" programme to fast-track Government planning to achieve prosperity and create job opportunities.

I am confident we will achieve the President's vision of the future so that Filipinos need not leave for abroad to seek work. Meanwhile, let us



maintain our bonds with the homeland and celebrate Independence Day.

Mabuhay!
Roberto R Romulo
Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines

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proaches, we face new horizons where our aspirations for a stable and prosperous democracy may come true only through competition in the global market and through liberalization to reach out to other economies. In short, independence is not enough. If it must have true meaning it must result in real freedom, well-being and self-respect for our people. And in this day and age, to do so, we must be oriented towards global linkage and cooperation. Thus, the more reason to expand Philippine-Bangladesh relations.

Filipinos must aspire to become a people who, while marching towards prosperity and freedom, welcome larger responsibilities beyond self. Thus, the theme of our celebration is: "ANG PILIPINO, MAKADIYOS, MAKABAYANG, MAKATAO, MAKAKALIKASAN" (the Filipino is for God, Country, Humanity and Nature).

On this day, let me say God bless the Philippines, God bless Bangladesh-Philippine friendship, and a hearty MABUHAY to everyone.

MacArthur F Corsino
Charge d'Affaires, a.i. of the Republic of the Philippines in Bangladesh

I take great pleasure in greeting all Filipinos and friends in Bangladesh on the occasion of the 96th anniversary of Philippine independence.

Each and every nation has its saga of courage and heroism in the quest for freedom. The Philippines is no exception. The 65 million Filipinos in 7,107 islands have had their own storied trail en-route to independence and liberty. But independence is not the end but only the beginning. And independence can work either to turn us inward or outward. As the 21st century ap-

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 US \$ 100,000 - US \$ 199,000 Direct Buying
 US \$ 200,000 - US \$ 499,000 Selling Agent
 US \$ 500,000 - US \$ 999,000 Sub-Contracting
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