

**PRESIDENT FERDINAND ROMUALDEZ MARCOS JR.'s
REMARKS DURING THE LAUNCHING AND PRESENTATION OF THE
125TH ANNIVERSARY OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE AND NATIONHOOD
COMMEMORATIVE COIN SET**

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Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. I know I'm not supposed to give a message but I'm really properly impressed with what we have here. [applause]

Sometimes we think of these commemorative coins or this kind of commemorative remembrances of an event --- in this case, a 125th Independence Day of the Philippines --- something just to remind us of the day.

But it is particularly significant when we do this via these coinages that we have created for the 125th Independence Day because, in a very real sense, the establishment of a formal currency by any country is part of the definition of being a sovereign nation. And that's why we have to see it not just as a very, very nice souvenir, but really a commemoration of the creation of the Republic of the Philippines.

And it's entirely appropriate that I have never seen coins like this before. But we have used all the best technology --- may kulay na, you change the angle in which you view it and you see other things. And whoever put this together did a very, very good job of it. So, I congratulate you all.

And as the Governor kept saying: labor of love talaga ng tao natin. Well, it shows and thank you very much for having done that.

So, we have used the most modern technology which also signifies that the Philippines is at that stage in its development. That we are now at the forefront and will use the best technologies, the best techniques; everything that is good and new for our country.

That's what it means. It just doesn't mean that it is the 125th anniversary of Independence Day, but it also reminds us how far we have come and the significance of what we have achieved in 125 years. So, congratulations to everyone who is involved in this really quite remarkable project.

Thank you very, very much for this. Magandang hapon sa inyo. [applause]
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