

PHILIPPINES-QATAR BILATERAL MEETING

State Dining Room, Malacañan Palace

April 22, 2024

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PRESIDENT FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.: Good morning, everyone.

I am very happy to be able to welcome Your Highness to the Philippines and to wish Your Highness a pleasant stay in our country, on what I understand is your first visit.

We are honored for the inclusion of the Philippines in Your Highness' visit to this part of Asia this April.

With the Philippines and Qatar sharing 43 years of deep friendship and cooperation, I am certain that our discussions today will translate to stronger collaboration in common fields of interests.

I look forward to a fruitful and productive meeting with you today, with the hope that our discussion will open opportunities to improve and to strengthen our bilateral relations at every level; at the commercial level, at the government-to-government level, at the people-to-people level.

This is our aspiration and I think that if we come to--- if we are agreed that this is the way to go, there is much potential that we can take advantage of.

Thank you very much, Your Highness.

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H.H. SHEIKH TAMIM BIN HAMAD AL THANI:

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I thank His Excellency President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. for his kind words. I also thank him for the generous hospitality we have received in our sister country, the Philippines.

I am really happy to be here in the Philippines for the first time.

We will witness the signing of a number of agreements and memorandums of understanding which will further enhance our relations to each desired level and we aspire to improve these relations through increased communication between the two countries.

I just had a fruitful discussion with His Excellency the President and we had numerous discussions on common interests that will contribute to developing our relations in different fields.

The Philippines is an important partner for us in many fields, especially in trade and economic cooperation and we aspire to improve these relations through increased communication between the private sector and both the countries.

It is my pleasure to take this opportunity to praise the Filipino community residing in the State of Qatar and their effective contribution to the development progress in our country.

I thank you once again, Your Excellency, and I wish your country the Philippines continued progress and prosperity.

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