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PRESIDENT FERDINAND ROMUALDEZ MARCOS JR.'s VIDEO MESSAGE FOR THE 2025 OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP ASIA AND THE PACIFIC REGIONAL MEETING

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When we dream of a better world where governments truly serve the people, we start by opening doors to trust, to transparency, to collaboration.

Today, we open a door not just for the Philippines but for the entire Asia-Pacific region. So, it is with great pride and optimism that I welcome all participants, stakeholders and advocates to the first-ever 2025 Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting of the Open Government Partnership held here in the Philippines.

As a founding member of the Open Government Partnership in 2011, the Philippines remains steadfast in championing transparency and accountability. Through Executive Order No. 31 in 2023, we institutionalized the Philippine Open Government Partnership, setting a model for others in the Asia-Pacific region to follow. This is proof that when we act with purpose, governance becomes not just a duty but a bridge between the government and the people.

This meeting is more than just a showcase of achievements—it is a call to action, a rallying cry for solidarity amongst nations. So, let us move forward together, carrying the spirit of openness that binds us. Let us remind ourselves that partnerships are the backbone of progress and shared purpose is what fuels true change.

To the Philippine Open Government Partnership Steering Committee, its chairperson Secretary Mina Pangandaman and everyone who made this gathering possible—congratulations!

Through trust, collaboration, and belief in the power of our people, we can build a world where every citizen's voice is heard and every government is accountable.

More power to the Open Government Partnership!

Mabuhay ang Bagong Pilipinas!

Mabuhay ang mas maunlad na rehiyong Asya-Pasipiko!

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