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Message of Appreciation

By

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On behalf of the Joint Foreign Chambers of Commerce in the Philippines

Your Excellency, Mr. President:

On behalf of the Joint Foreign Chambers of Commerce in the Philippines, the hundreds of participants here today at this forum, and the thousands watching this forum as streamed live on the *Arangkada* website.

It is my honour and my pleasure to express our appreciation and to thank you for joining with us today to participate in the *2012 Arangkada Forum*, and for your enlightening and inspiring address to the Forum

On behalf of the JFC I can assure you that that the JFC share (1) your belief in the potential of the Philippines economy to grow and prosper, (2) your commitment to policies to ensure sustained growth that is equitable, (3) your confidence in the will of Filipinos to achieve such growth that benefits all, (4) your determination to eradicate the corruption and collusion that undermines growth, and (5) your leadership of an administration pledged to deliver results to the Filipino people.

The JFC is a partner with mutual interests in the well-being of the Philippines and its people and I can pledge: (1) full support for reforms to the economy that will enable it to grow faster, (2) a commitment to work to increase foreign investment and international trade, and (3) a determination attack corruption and collusion where-ever it manifest itself.

Looking back since the *Arangkada Report* was completed and published in 2010 we agree that the Philippines has made remarkable and welcome progress in recent years, but as the *Arangkada Assessment* indicates, much still needs to be done in the years ahead. We look forward to working with you and reporting next year on still further progress

Thank you Mr. President

Secretary Greg Domingo will now introduce the President