



Independence Day Message

As we mark the 112th Independence Day of our nation, let us remember the many men and women who fought valiantly so we could celebrate this day with immense pride and joy. Let us honor them who spilled blood, sweat and tears so we could mark this milestone, year after year. It is the nobility of their ideals – which the blue of our flag symbolizes – that we continue to aspire for in our daily lives.

Yet we know that the age of heroism did not stop a hundred years ago. It continues to this day. Heroism takes many forms, and is present whenever we face the challenges that come our way at home, in our workplace, whenever we are called upon to go the extra mile, to make a sacrifice for the good of our people and our country, and we do so without hesitation or complaint. Today, we honor those everyday heroes, too.

Our Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) are among our modern everyday heroes. Today, as we celebrate Philippine Independence Day, we give thanks to our OFWs who grapple with loneliness, homesickness, and culture clash, among others, to give their families a brighter future. In the process, they also contribute to national economic growth, and with their reputation for hard work, patience and dedication, they have given our countrymen a good name, and consequently better opportunities abroad.

Let the sun in our flag, which represents the dawning of a new era of self-determination, shine brightly, and guide us on our way to a new beginning.

Mabuhay ang Bayang Pilipinas!



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