

**MALACAÑAN PALACE**  
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**MESSAGE**

My warmest greetings to the **Bankers Institute of the Philippines, Inc.**, as you hold your **26<sup>th</sup> National Convention**.

As a business deeply imbued with public interest, the banking industry is crucial to our goal of fortifying the national economy. I commend the BAI<sup>i</sup>PHIL for its 70 years of leadership and innovation, and urge its members to continue in their pursuit of excellence. May this convention generate fresh ideas and provide new avenues for the improvement of operational procedures, corporate governance standards, and risk management systems. I exhort you to take this opportunity to reaffirm your commitment to the values of transparency, service, and integrity—the same principles which guide our administration in its quest to revitalize our nation.

The daylight of hope now illuminates our path. Let us unite under the banner of reform to build stronger industries toward a strong economy, for the benefit of our nation and our people.



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