

MESSAGE

Assalamu alaikum (Peace be with you)!

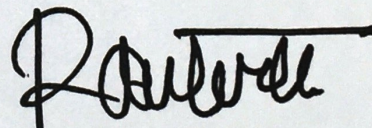
I extend my warm greetings and felicitations to the members of the Muslim Ummah (communities), as they celebrate today Eid'l Fitr or the culmination of the month-long observance of fasting for the Holy Month of Ramadhan.

The observance of fasting during Ramadhan is among the five pillars of Islam. As everybody knows, fasting during Ramadhan teaches discipline. It instills in one's mind and heart the virtues of honesty, sincerity and commitment to his faith. It promotes understanding, peace, sympathy and love for fellow human beings.

This year's celebration is indeed timely and relevant, as the Filipino nation starts a fresh move towards peace, stability, development and progress under a new leadership. Definitely, we view the new administration with high hope and sustained enthusiasm that, with the support and cooperation of every Filipino, it will propel our country to greater heights.

May the sense of discipline the Holy Month of Ramadhan has taught and nurtured among Muslims inspire all the members of the Muslim Filipino communities to unite with other Filipinos to achieve lasting peace, political stability, economic growth and development. Indeed, change is coming!

Happy Eid'l Fitr Al-Mubarak, Mabuhay ang Filipino.



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