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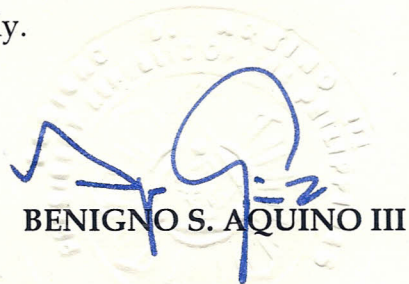
My warmest greetings to the delegates to the 46th World Trade Centers Association General Assembly.

I am heartened that key drivers of international trade have gathered to dialogue on the transformation that is sweeping the Philippines and the evolving complexities around the world. I urge you to maximize this venue to take stock of business, build alliances, and map out the future of your industry.

I have high hopes that this confluence of agents will gear our people for even deeper engagement among entrepreneurs in the region. In times of volatile market conditions, such partnerships have anchored countries like ours and kept our performance steadily robust. I invite you to reinforce ties with Filipinos, especially now that we further integrate into the ASEAN economies and advance full steam.

News of our country's resurgence may have reached you: Renowned credit ratings agencies affirm our investment grade status and financial giants validate the positive outlook for our nation. As you grow trade and investment across the world, may you take particular interest in, and advantage of, the revitalized and flourishing landscape of the Philippines.

I wish you an engaging and fruitful assembly.



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