
His Excellency, President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr.
and all distinguished VIPs, Guests and Participants;

Magandang Umaga po sa inyong lahat!

It is my great pleasure and privilege to be here with you today.

I duly acknowledge their tireless hard work of DPWH and related LGUs, like Bulacan, with close collaboration and trust with JICA.

Today's road inauguration is a salient example of what we could achieve together, among many large-scale road and bridge infrastructure that JICA has been supporting.

Others are: (1) Central Luzon Expressway, (2) Davao City Bypass, (3) 4th Cebu Mactan Bridge, and (4) Road Network in BARMM, to name a few.

We are also preparing with DPWH to support further various infrastructure flagship projects, such as the (1) Dalton Pass East Alignment Road, (2) 2nd San Juanico Bridge, and (3) Central Mindanao High Standard Highway.

To complement these "hard infrastructure" cooperation, we are also providing support for "soft measures" or capacity development, in many

fields including disaster risk management, Master Plan and O/M, through technical cooperation projects, and training and scholarship programs among others.

This 24 kilometer bypass road is now providing greater linkages between Metro Manila and Central Luzon.

Now, this is just the beginning of the new chapter, and DPWH is kindly requested to ensure proper operation and maintenance for the biggest impact of this road.

Also, DPWH needs to complete the remaining section in the fastest manner.

However, along this road, we can see more and more factories and other business establishments, with more and more job opportunities.

We can also enjoy faster and more comfortable travel.

With the strong backing of the current administration under His Excellency Mr. President, and the able leadership of DPWH Secretary Bonoan, now is the time to go full speed ahead in the upgrade and development of infrastructure in this promising country.

I am so proud that we are jointly creating "*Bagong Pilipinas*"!

Maraming salamat po! Mabuhay!