

# Closing Remarks

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Fellow PHILEXPORT Trustees, exporters, guests, PHILEXPORT management and employees, ladies and gentlemen:

I am aware that many of us may have grown tired of attending fora, meetings and workshops for the reason that we find these exercises futile. Many of our problems decades ago are still bugging us to this day, with even more Filipinos dragged in poverty.

But it is precisely by attending these activities such as our GMMs that we hope to continue to water the seed of hope that may still remain in just a few of us. This afternoon's presentations from our special guests confirm that there is the proverbial light at the end of a tunnel. Through cooperation and perseverance, we can still make a difference. Again, after all has been said, the challenge is translating words to further action so that we can move on and with the sustained success level we want.

There were prescriptions provided in the reports, roadmaps have been laid and roles identified. The next step is for us to again take active part in ensuring that things happen according to our objectives, instead of blaming others or being indifferent. If indeed our

macroeconomics are in good shape as government claims, we should capitalize on and strengthen these advantages, as we remain vigilant to ensure that no selfish interests rob us the opportunity to be a great nation once again.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you for your time and participation in today's meeting. We look forward to some more good news in the days ahead!

Good afternoon.