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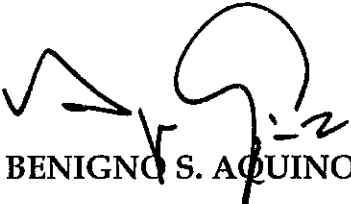
## MESSAGE

My warmest greetings to the **Filipino Australian Association of the Northern Territory Inc.** as you commemorate the 116th Anniversary of the **Proclamation of Philippine Independence.**

Your association is significant to our collective goal of securing the Filipino's distinction in the global community by upholding our cultural heritage in your adoptive homeland. May you continue to be a source of inspiration to the rest of the Filipinos back home and in other countries. May this celebration promote a deeper sense of patriotism and a stronger spirit of bayanihan among our kababayans in the Northern Territory and its environs, as we pay tribute to our forefathers' sacrifices to achieve the liberty that we now enjoy.

In this time of revitalization, we bear the responsibility to sustain the maturation of our democracy by replacing the old ways of corruption, poverty, and social injustice with the revived culture of integrity, resilience, and righteousness in the face of adversity. Together, let us fulfill this obligation and forge an even more equitably progressive Philippines for the coming generations.

I wish you a happy and momentous occasion.



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