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The Philippines recognizes the urgent need for transportation initiatives for green recovery. We give prime importance to rescue measures that balances our country's long-term path to economic recovery, while lessening environmental and climate impacts.

As one of the key components in infrastructure development, transport infrastructure plays a huge role for a stronger Philippine economy post COVID-19 pandemic. This is why since July 2016, Department of Transportation of the Republic of the Philippines has completed a total of 217 airports projects and 465 maritime port projects nationwide. The construction of big-ticket railway projects are left and right, and at least 497 kilometers of Metropolitan Bike Lanes were established and completed. Suffice it to say, amid the pandemic, we continued to Build, Build, and Build.

We believe that sustainable mobility will open the doors for heightened economic activities. A sustainable and environment- friendly transport infrastructure promotes faster, efficient and smooth mobility along with safe, comfortable, and convenient travel. It also has a big impact on social and environmental aspects.

This is the reason why the Department of Transportation pushed for a sustainable strategy that supported the mobility of transport stakeholders and the environment.

While the transport system has been disrupted due to government- imposed movement restrictions, we took steps to carefully move people, while working to prevent the spread of the disease.

We saw this opportunity to harness sustainability and mobility by promoting active transport through cycling and walking, busway concourses, greenways, bus rapid transit systems, and the modernization of our Public Utility Vehicles.

We also established innovative, climate-resilient and eco-friendly Green Airports to help minimize the impact of aviation activities and infrastructure developments on the environment.

The Department of Transportation has likewise implemented approaches to develop our country's public transportation system that is sustainable, viable and equitable.

The Philippines aggressively supports sustainability that heavily favors the environment, economies, and every member of society.

Collaboration is KEY. We all must demonstrate our solidarity as it is in our best interest and we owe it to future generations—a better future and an upgraded standards of living and quality of life.

From the Philippines, Maraming Salamat and Mabuhay!

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