

## MESSAGE

The Government and people of the Republic of the Philippines join the people of Japan in paying tribute to the innocent lives tragically lost in the Second World War.

Today, as we mark the 79th Anniversary of the End of the Pacific War, we remember our fallen compatriots who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of equality, justice, and self-determination during that difficult chapter in our history. We shall forever honor and defend their legacy that remains ever relevant to this day.

Japan has been a steadfast partner of the Philippines for nearly seven decades now. Our two countries' Strategic Partnership guides our way into the future of our cooperation in numerous fields, not only for the prosperity of our peoples, but also for regional peace, stability, and progress. I therefore reaffirm my resolve to sustain our joint efforts towards this noble end.

FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.

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