Remarks of Ambassador ENDO Kazuya at the Arrival and Turnover Ceremony of Disaster Relief Assistance from the Government of Japan to the Philippines

14 October 2025 at AVRC Gym, Brgy. Labangon, Cebu City

Good morning. Maayong hapon.

On behalf of the Government of Japan, I turn over to the Government of the Philippines these emergency supplies for the Cebu Earthquake victims. I humbly hope this provision would contribute to the relief efforts of Philippine authorities and somewhat ease the burden of people in ravaged areas.

My thoughts are with everyone affected by the Earthquake. Japan Self-Defense Forces already provided support for the earthquake-affected communities through air transport of relief supplies during Japan-Philippines bilateral training "DOSHIN BAYANIHAN 5-25" As a close neighbor and strategic partner having so many elements in common including wide range of natural disasters, Japan shares in the suffering of our Filipino brothers and sisters in these challenging times, particularly when we experience so many earthquakes not only in Cebu but also in

Baguio and Davao. We are one with you, and we hope to be of service wherever and however we can.

Our appreciation goes to the Government of the Philippines for our close cooperation to deliver these relief supplies to the people who need them most—at the earliest possible time. We hope that recovery from the damage can be achieved as quickly as possible.

Daghang salamat.