

Remarks of Ambassador ENDO Kazuya at the MMSP:

CP 105 Groundbreaking Ceremony

13 February 2026, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig

Magandang umaga po sa inyong lahat.

My warmest congratulations on the successful holding of today's groundbreaking ceremony for the CP105 section of the Metro Manila Subway Project.

First of all, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to His Excellency President Marcos, the Department of Transportation (DOTr), and all the consultants and contractors involved in this project. It is thanks to the dedication and hard work of all involved that we are able to mark this important milestone today.

Japan has been supporting the railway sector in the Philippines through ODA for so many years. This long-standing cooperation is a testament to the deep trust and strong partnership between our two countries. We take pride in the continued contribution of Japanese technology and experience to the

Philippines' infrastructure development. I believe that this long-term support has already significantly contributed to the economic growth and improvement of the quality of life in the Philippines.

The Metro Manila Subway Project holds particular significance. Metro Manila continues to face serious challenges related to traffic congestion and air pollution, and the construction of this subway is a vital step toward addressing these issues. This project will form the backbone of a more efficient public transportation system and help realize a more comfortable, sustainable and livable urban environment.

Among all contract packages of the subway project, the CP105 section is of paramount importance. It includes the Bonifacio Global City (BGC) station, a major economic hub whose development is expected to significantly boost commercial activity and drive sustained growth in the local economy.

This will be the second package undertaken by Nishimatsu Construction for the Manila Subway Project, following their ongoing work on the CP102 section. I am confident that their extensive experience and high level of expertise will play a vital role in the successful delivery of this project. We look forward to

continued progress in local infrastructure development through Nishimatsu Construction's efforts.

This year also marks the 70th anniversary of the normalization of diplomatic relations between Japan and the Philippines. It is our sincere hope that this project will stand as a symbol of our enduring partnership and further strengthen the bonds between our two nations. Japan will continue to support the sustainable growth of the Philippines through Official Development Assistance projects in pursuit of deeper friendship, mutual trust, and long-term cooperation.

Kasama ninyong lahat, taos-puso kong inaabangan ang matagumpay na pagsulong ng proyektong ito at hinihiling ko ang inyong patuloy na suporta at pakikiisa hanggang sa katuparan ng matagal nang pinapangarap at inaabangang unang subway ng Pilipinas.

Maraming salamat po at mabuhay kayong lahat!