

**Remarks of Ambassador ENDO Kazuya during the Lanao Del Sur  
Scale Up Project: Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency: Access for  
Climate Security and Health Services (RE3ACHS)**

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Assalam alaikum. Mapiya a kapipita. Good morning to you all.

I am greatly honored to join you all today for this special ceremony. We are grateful to be welcomed by Hon. Dr. Sinolinding in his capacity as BARMM's Minister of Health and as this hospital's Officer-in-Charge.

Today, we mark a new milestone for our collaboration—the ceremonial switching on of the solar systems at the Regional Health Units in Butig, Ditsaan-Ramain, Tamparan, and Wao.

It is a privilege to celebrate this occasion at the Tamparan Provincial Hospital, an institution built on a legacy of service and community solidarity. On this occasion, I would like to highlight three key points.

First, RE3ACHS is more than a project. It is a replicable model of sustainable energy for hospitals and Regional Health Units.

Regional Health Units are vital lifelines for their communities. Yet, in areas with limited electricity, power outages can disrupt critical care—from safe childbirth to vaccine storage—forcing many facilities to rely on costly diesel

generators.

With the RE3ACHS project, we offer an innovative solution through solar power. By providing a sustainable and reliable energy source, we hope to bring much-needed relief: both to patients seeking care, and the tireless staff providing it.

With strategic investment and continued support from the Ministry of Health and local government units, this model can be scaled—both in capacity within existing hospitals and in coverage across additional health facilities. This expansion will further strengthen the resilience of frontline healthcare.

We are encouraged and grateful for the Ministry of Health's concrete contribution to this effort so far, demonstrated through the installation of solar panels in rural health units.

This brings me to my second point, partnerships that enable local ownership. I understand that this hospital was born from an urgent community response to address a past outbreak of cholera. With limited facilities and rising casualties at the time, this hospital emerged as a beacon of hope for those afflicted.

In the same spirit, this project builds upon a heritage of local ownership and partnership with the community. By fostering partnerships that provide

reliable energy to RHUs, we help them better serve their communities. At the same time, we lay a foundation for sustained local leadership and continued investment.

This project could not have been made possible without the tireless efforts and dedication of healthcare workers, the management of Rural Health Units, the local government units, and the UNDP. I likewise extend my gratitude to the Department of Energy, the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Energy and the Ministry of Health of BARMM for their guidance and leadership in this endeavor.

Strong partnerships not only deliver results, but also allow this model to be applied in other areas, helping renewable energy solutions reach more communities effectively and sustainably. When built on trust, shared vision, and cooperation, such collaboration can truly transform lives.

Third, Japan remains firmly committed to peace and development in BARMM. The success of this project reflects the steadfast support of the people of Japan, and underscores our continued partnership with the region and its communities.

This year, as we celebrate the 70th anniversary of Japan–Philippines friendship, we are reminded that our cooperation continues to grow in meaningful and practical ways.

Through the lives these Regional Health Units serve, may they help ignite hope for a bright future throughout the BARMM. Let the panels we have switched on today be the spark for countless new possibilities across the region.

Shukran jazilan. Maraming salamat sa inyong lahat.