

**Speech of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte  
Values Restoration Program/Good Manners and Right Conduct  
(VRP/GMRC) Grand Launching  
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National Director Voltaire L. Acosta Jr., officers and members of the Council for the Restoration of Filipino Values, Values Restoration Officers, fellow workers in government, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, good afternoon.

I would like to congratulate and thank the Council for this successful event, which introduces the Values Restoration Program on a massive scale to complement the government's anti-corruption initiatives.

Our administration is committed to remove all misfits in the bureaucracy so that we could restore our people's trust in government. By eliminating corruption in our public offices, we will be able to efficiently deliver the needs of the Filipino people as we continue to strengthen their trust in government. We are glad to have your group as our partner in fulfilling this crucial mission.

Your noble work of inculcating integrity, codes of conduct and ethical standards among government personnel is indeed laudable.

In these challenging times, we need not only people who have the capacity to lead, but also people who have the will to effect meaningful changes in society through good governance and values formation.

I trust that your initiative will greatly contribute to the Council's efforts to bolster the government's fight against corruption. May it continue to promote institutional integrity and bureaucratic efficiency so that we can bring a truly comfortable life for all our citizens.

I call on the Council to intensify its efforts to adhere to the highest ethical standards for effective nation-building. May this year's theme of upholding the Constitution through servant leadership and excellence in public service reflect in the results of your endeavors.

Now more than ever, we have to keep the faith in our people's capacity to serve and in our government's promise of genuine and lasting reform.

Let us embody the principles and values that will lead us towards our country's social and moral transformation. Change begins within ourselves. Let us be good in what we do by demonstrating excellence and honor in our pursuits. This will help make the Philippines a better place for our countrymen and the next generations.

Again, congratulations and *mabuhay ang Filipino!*