

ASP's Acceptance Speech

Chairman MVP, PLDT Board of Directors, stockholders, ladies and gentlemen,

I stand before you, deeply touched and inspired by your words of congratulations and encouragement. With boundless gratitude for the confidence placed in me by Chairman MVP and the PLDT Board, and with an unswerving resolve to honor that trust, I humbly accept the appointment as the 6th Filipino Chief Executive Officer of this great organization, the PLDT Group. I wish to extend my sincere respect and appreciation to all the leaders and employees of the company for their strong support.

Chairman MVP, thank you for the trust. I must confess I have big shoes to fill as you have set the bar so high, and I am honored to follow the most remarkable leader. Your leadership made PLDT what it is today. Aside from enriching the business, you have enabled us to make important and lasting contributions to our community, and the country, upholding the Filipinos' deepest values and highest aspirations. You, Chairman MVP, have wisely guided our company into the 21st century. You have taught us to pivot or else we would perish. You have defined an ambitious agenda and held us all together as we attained each goal one after another. You have strengthened PLDT as a heritage brand and made us truly indispensable in every aspect of the life of Filipinos around the world. We see everything that you have put into this company, Chairman MVP, and I understand the weight of you entrusting us with the very responsibilities to which you have dedicated 23 years of your life. Our debt to your courage and vision is immeasurable. I resolve to build upon your legacy in PLDT.

Thank you, Chairman MVP, for graciously preparing and guiding me. I greatly look forward to supporting you and working with you in this new capacity, as you continue to wisely steer the whole conglomerate toward lasting success.

The road that we must pave toward our long-term goals and vision for PLDT has many pitfalls. As CEO, I will work diligently to materialize our responsibility and realize our vision for PLDT as a true customer-centric and leading-edge technology company that empowers all Filipinos in building a stronger nation, providing world-class connectivity as a human right, asserting the Philippines as a key player in the global arena and actively embarking on sustainable development to secure everyone's future.

As your new CEO, I am far from perfect, and I will need unsparing support, cooperation and trust from everyone here. But I pledge to serve you well, with all my heart and to the best of my abilities. I will seek excellence with humility. I will lead by example.

Chairman MVP, my heart is overflowing with gratitude toward you, our leaders and my colleagues and employees who have brought me here to serve. It has been a long journey from my youth as a computer programmer aspiring to do more to this leadership role and these awesome responsibilities. I am an optimist, and I am full of hope about the future of our business. Let us work together for a PLDT Group that can deliver more and better.

Thank you.