



MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mga Kababayan,

On this momentous occasion of our **128<sup>th</sup> Independence Day**, we gather under the unifying theme **Kalayaan, Kinabukasan, Kasaysayan**.

This theme encapsulates the soul of our nation.

Kasaysayan reminds us of the courage of our forebears **who declared freedom from colonial rule on June 12, 1898**. Their sacrifices laid the foundation of our sovereignty. We honor their legacy with deep gratitude and unwavering respect.

Kalayaan is not merely the absence of chains – it is the power to determine our own destiny. It is the freedom we defend every day: the freedom to thrive, to innovate, and to live in peace and dignity. Today, we continue to safeguard this hard-earned liberty amid evolving challenges.

Kinabukasan calls us to look forward with hope and determination. As we build Bagong Pilipinas, we invest in quality education, universal healthcare, technological advancement, sustainable agriculture, and inclusive growth that leaves no Filipino behind. Our vision is a nation that is prosperous, resilient, and globally competitive – a country where every citizen's dreams can take flight.

Let this Independence Day inspire us to bridge our proud past with a bold future. May we remain united in purpose, resilient in spirit, and committed to the ideals of justice, peace, and national unity.

**Mabuhay ang Pilipinas!**

**FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.**

*President of the Republic of the Philippines*



# KALAYAAN. KINABUKASAN. KASAYSAYAN.

From the valiant hearts of the heroes of 1898 to the resilient spirit that defines us today, our journey as a nation stands as a testament to the unyielding will of the Filipino.

## KINABUKASAN.

Today, we build a brighter tomorrow. A Bagong Pilipinas where every child has access to quality education, every family enjoys prosperity, and every citizen contributes to a progressive, inclusive, and sovereign nation.

## KASAYSAYAN.

We remember. We honor. We draw strength from the sacrifices of the past so that we may never take our hard-won liberty for granted. Our history is not merely a record – it is our guiding light.

On this 128th anniversary of our Independence, let us renew our commitment: to safeguard our freedom, to shape a better future, and to proudly carry forward the legacy of our forebears.

## KALAYAAN.

The freedom our heroes fought for remains our most precious inheritance. It is the right to chart our own destiny, to speak our truth, and to live with dignity.



**Mabuhay ang Pilipinas!**