

**SOJ FREEDOM SPEECH**  
**Awarding of Certificate of Release to NBP Inmates**  
**March 14, 2016**  
**@ DOJ**

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A blessed and a freedom filled evening to all!

Freedom is a birthright!

Every person has a right to be free.

Tonight, by the grace of the Almighty and by the laudable collective efforts of many, we will again be restoring the freedom of some of our inmates from the National Bilibid Prison.

It is said that a soul is of more value than the whole world. It is our recognition of the innate value of the person that, his conviction notwithstanding, we endeavor to set him free.

Beyond the punishment meted is the full restoration of the person to his full dignity, to his full freedom.

Kayo na ganap na lalaya ngayong gabi, ang akin pong pagbati sa inyo at sa inyong pamilya. Ano man ang naganap sa nakalipas, iyon nawa ay magsilbing aral sa ating lahat at maging inspirasyon na din na sinuman ay pwedeng magbago at magsimulang muli.

Tanggapin ninyo ang aming taimtim na hiling ng panibagong sagana at payapa sa inyong buhay. Nadapa, bumangon, nagsisikap, iyan po nawa kayo.

TAMA NA ANG MINSAN HA, WAG NA KAYONG UULIT HA.

Under the Du30 Presidency, the DOJ will be benevolent to the deserving and understanding to the repentant. We hope that his scene will be replicated more and more in the coming days.

We hope to have more jubilant families being reunited with their loved ones.

As one song goes, CHRIST DIED TO MAKE MEN HOLY, LET US WORK TO MAKE MEN FREE!

Thank you and a blessed evening to all.

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