

CLOSING REMARKS and WAY FORWARD

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Message of Appreciation

When we first invited the private sector in August for the first organizational meeting for the Summit, I was really surprised because I was only expecting 20 people to come. But more than 80 people came; the BOI AVR was overflowing. And when I approached our development partners for support, there were no IFs, no BUTs, and readily they said yes to our request for support.

Allow me then to thank our partners – USAID COMPETE, TRADE, STRIDE, and JICA; representatives from the private sector; our private sector industry champions; BOI sectoral champions; officials from other government agencies; representatives from labor; academe, civil society, colleagues from DTI and BOI; our breakout session and panel moderators, keynote speakers, panelists, and secretariat – thank you to all of you.

Announcement of Next Steps

For our next steps – first, we’ve heard a lot about the need for innovation and R&D. We will be pursuing the establishment of an innovation center in close partnership with DOST, the academe and the private sector, and this has been recommended by Mr. Dado Banatao yesterday.

Second, given our discussions yesterday and today, we are now witnessing a new growth trajectory for our country along with the disruptive technologies and trends like robotics, AI, 3D printing, new business models, climate-smart developments; it is important to take all of these things into account as we move forward in revising and updating our industry roadmaps.

Starting in December, we will be calling you up to schedule our industry and technical working group (TWG) meetings to discuss how to revise and refine our targets, taking all these new developments that are taking place as well as other internal and external factors. At the same time, to move forward, we also need to consider the Summit priorities and recommendations that we have formulated.

And third point, we need to continue the collaboration and partnership among government, academe, and the private sector in terms of the implementation of the priority measures that we formulated and ranked yesterday and presented today.

Again, allow me to thank you all and I look forward to your active participation in the next (2017) Manufacturing Summit.