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My warmest greetings to the **Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth)** as it marks its **28th Anniversary**.

For nearly three decades, the PhilHealth has been a steady pillar of our people with regards to attaining complete and comprehensive healthcare. As an institution it has also been resolute in realizing our goal of universal health insurance coverage; delivering affordable, acceptable, available, and accessible healthcare services; and ensuring the well-being of our citizenry. Indeed your tenacity to reach out to our undeserved populations has significantly improved their lives and made them better citizens and nation-builders.

I am filled with immense pride and gratitude as I join you in recognizing and appreciating the endeavors of all the officers and employees of PhilHealth. I hope that, as you mark this event, you will continue to bring essential health services closer to our underprivileged communities; observe sustainable financing; and serve our people with compassion, honor, and integrity. May this celebration also give you a greater sense of purpose as you fulfill your respective roles and your organization's mandate.

With PhilHealth's new leadership, I am optimistic that our journey towards reforming and revitalizing your institution as well as achieving universal healthcare will be realized as envisioned. Rest assured that this administration will support you earnestly in your pursuit to establish an even more responsive healthcare insurance system for all Filipinos.

Together, let us pave the way for a more fair, inclusive, and benevolent society that empowers every citizen to realize their dreams and their aspirations.

I wish you a joyous and meaningful event.

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As one Department of Health, I would like to extend my greatest salutations to the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation as they celebrate their 28th Anniversary!

Since time immemorial, the PhilHealth has shown how integral its role is in stewarding and improving the country's health care system, particularly through its mandate of ensuring financial risk protection for all Filipinos. The Corporation has consistently responded to this role during normal circumstances, and even extraordinary times - gearing towards the goal of the Department to provide Filipinos with eased and affordable access to primary care services wherever they may be in the country.

Given this, the roll-out of the Konsulta Package is a key driver to strengthening our health system. With over 1,300 primary care providers already accredited, and still growing in number, we are able to bring high-impact primary care services closer to homes and communities, and help ensure populations are healthy and prevented from being sick. Coverage has also been substantially increased for in-demand services, such as the expansion of hemodialysis coverage from 90 to 144 days.

But perhaps more remarkable is the swift response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Benefits were quickly but rationally assembled to provide coverage for testing, community isolation, and even inpatient care, facilitating a better response to the pandemic we continue to face. And now, all thanks to the coordinated efforts of all partners and stakeholders and continued adherence to health protocols, we are now given the opportunity to enjoy more experiences through the gradual reopening of the Philippine economy.

In this light, I would also like to give gratitude to PhilHealth's strong workforce for their tireless commitment in serving all Filipinos and in fulfilling the further realization of Universal Health Care. May you demonstrate the same resolve that you have shown these past 28 years, especially now that the nation's recovery is in full swing. Together, we shall continue on improving our service towards the mission "Benepisyong Pangkalusugang Sapat at Dekalidad para sa Lahat".

Maraming salamat, para sa Healthy Pilipinas!

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