

REMARKS BEFORE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE



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Benign global interest rates
**Prolonged period of reasonably
priced oil**

**Strong macroeconomic
fundamentals**

A robust fiscal position

We could easily achieve a growth rate of

7%

**and sustain that well into
the medium term**



**The Philippine economy's
“Cinderella moment”**



A large number of young Filipinos are preparing to enter the work force



We need to invest in education and public health care to prepare our young for the future



**We need to close
the infrastructure gap**



**Bring down personal and income tax rates
to be competitive for investments**



**Introduce new revenue instruments
that will bring up aggregate revenue**

**The comprehensive tax reform package
seeks to increase:**

P800 BILLION

*Additional revenues to fund an urgent
infrastructure program, expand programs of
social inclusiveness and bring down poverty
rates to more civilized levels*

Projected annual expenditure for infrastructure:

P1 TRILLION



Seizing the economy's Cinderella moment

**Using the demographic sweet spot
to propel our economy forward**

**If we fail to raise the volume of revenues
required for our economy to break out
over the next few years,
we will fail in everything else**



We will fail to close the infra gap





**We will fail to make the investments
in our young**

**We will fail to catch up with our
neighbors in the region**

**We will fail to bring down the level of
poverty afflicting our people**

Business Community

Foreign chambers of commerce

Multilateral development partners

**Former secretaries and
undersecretaries of finance**



The tax package that will enable us to reshape our economic growth to make it more inclusive



**Bring down our poverty rate
to a mere 14% by 2022**



Agents of the BOC, in separate operations, seized over **P2.2 Billion-worth** of smuggled and counterfeit tobacco products, shoes and clothes, among others



In the BIR, around **300 personnel** have filed their resignation or retirement after Comm Dulay instructed BIR officials involved in corruption to resign

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SIMPLER



FAIRER

**MORE
EFFICIENT**

If we choose to do only what is popular, that is
reducing tax rates alone without passing
the revenue-offsetting measures,
the scenario will be dire

There will be **hundreds of billions less**
in what is available for classrooms,
barangay health centers, and rural road
networks

If we fail to pass the revenue enhancement measures, we will lose the growth momentum that took us years to build



This is our economy's golden moment

**We cannot afford to lose because
of **indecision** or because **we failed**
to act boldly**

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