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## HIS MAJESTY THE EMPEROR OF JAPAN

Your Imperial Majesty,

I would like to express my warmest congratulations, and those of the people of Visayas, on your upcoming 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday and Japan's National Day. Please accept my best wishes for your well-being and longevity. May this day bring the people of Japan closer than ever before, united in prosperity, peace and understanding.

We hold closely to our hearts the friendship of both our countries, the Philippines and Japan, as we continue our bilateral relations that have expanded over the years with international solidarity as our guiding principle.

We in the Visayas also look forward to more collaborations with Japan in our region, thereby creating more opportunities for our people to work together and develop mutually advantageous partnerships that would boost our trade and economic relations.

As a model for risk-reduction and disaster resiliency, Japan has been at the forefront in our global fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change as well. We also welcome opportunities for collaboration in these areas where mutually beneficial exchanges would mean the paramount safety, productivity and prosperity of our people.

Once again, please accept my congratulations to you on your 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Peace and happines to the people of Japan on its National Day.

Sincerely

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