

**Message  
of  
His Excellency Benigno S. Aquino III  
President of the Philippines  
To the Filipino People  
As we celebrate Bonifacio Day**

[November 30, 2014]

I join the **Filipino People** in celebrating **Bonifacio Day**.

Andres Bonifacio's patriotism ignited the passion within our countrymen to fight for liberty and demand dignity, freedom, and sovereignty for the land of our ancestors. Now, 151 years after his birth, our history and identity tested by the many challenges we have overcome, we unite as one nation to remember his sacrifice and desire to see us take charge of our destiny.

The Philippines has become a dynamic and progressive hub of business and commerce, and it will continue to thrive as we fight to vanquish the culture of greed and corruption once rampant in our system as we renew our dedication to fostering integrity and accountability in our institutions. We have created for ourselves the opportunity to fulfill the dreams Gat Andres envisioned for us. May this day renew the spirit of camaraderie in all of us and inspire us to aspire to greater heights of prosperity. Together, let us forge a path to a more inclusive future.

I wish you a happy and meaningful celebration.

(Sgd.) **BENIGNO S. AQUINO III**

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