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Manuel Roxas welcomes the ambassador of the Republic of China to the Philippines.

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REMARKS ON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION BY THE CHINESE MINISTER TO
THE PHILIPPINES, CHEN CHIH-PING, OF HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE

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Mr. Minister,

I am happy to receive you on behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines as first Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Republic of China to the Philippines. It is my earnest desire that in appreciation of the mutually beneficial aims sought by your Government in setting up your diplomatic representation here, the Philippines may soon be able to establish a Legation in your country.

The peoples of our two countries are bound together by many ties. Geographically we are next-door neighbors and for centuries your people have contributed by their industry and thrift to our economic life. In the recent war, we fought together for the same causes against the onslaught of the common enemy and I have only words of admiration for the indomitable courage with which your people for eight long years bore the brunt of aggression, under the gallant leadership of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

I have no doubt that the Philippines and China will continue their fruitful collaboration, based on mutual respect and understanding, toward their common goal of lasting peace and prosperity for the peoples of the Orient and of the world.

In the worthy mission of strengthening the bonds of friendship between the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of China, you may count on the whole-hearted cooperation of this Government and on my own.

You have my best wishes, Mr. Minister, that your work among us will redound to the mutual benefit and advantage of our two countries.