

## **PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

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### **KUDOS TO DAVAO CITY... BRIGADA... PEDESTRIAN LANES**

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I have three concerns. First, Madam President, yesterday during the flag raising ceremony at City Hall, the City government of Davao City was awarded by the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Department of Finance, a plaque of recognition as

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of Revenue District No. 113 in recognition of Davao City's outstanding contribution to the collection efforts of the district based on the 2008 tax payments.

The City government's withholding tax payments is a total of P 121,236,236.73.

Our beloved Mayor, Mayor Rodrigo R. Duterte also received a plaque of appreciation from the Department of Finance, Bureau of Internal Revenue, for his invaluable support to all tax measures and programs of the BIR in the Region.

Special thanks also should go to our City Treasurer, City Accountant and City Administrator for their good work.

Indeed, we are happy that Davao City continues to shine in the field of good governance.

The other concern, Madam President, is a text message I received just a few minutes ago and may I be allowed to read it:

“read text message”

Just to refresh our memory, last 2006, we passed resolution banning BRIGADA, a local tabloid, to circulate in Davao City precisely because of its pornographic articles.

BRIGADA apologized to our City Mayor and to the people of Davao and promised to “reform.”

I am sad and angry to learn that BRIGADA is again back in its evil ways and this time, I call on all men and women of goodwill to collectively condemn such filth and dirt polluting our city and people. At the proper time, Madam President, allow me to pass a resolution regarding this urgent matter.

The other concern, Madam President, is the need to repaint all pedestrian lanes in the city, especially pedestrian lanes near the schools along our highways, where school children are at the mercy of speeding vehicles, therefore, posing danger to life and limb.

Again at the proper time, Madam President, I would like pass a resolution requesting the DPWH, in coordination with the Traffic Management Center (TMC) and the Traffic Management and Control Board (TMCB) to look into all pedestrian lanes in the City and those that are needing repainting should be repainted as soon as possible.

Thank you, Madam President.

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