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**Statement by**

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*Honorable Jose de Venecia, President of AIPO*

*Dear AIPO friends, Ladies and Gentlemen,*

Please accept my deep appreciation and gratitude for your invitation to Cebu, a beautiful city and seaside-pearl of Philippines. Since 1970 in Jakarta, I never miss AIPO meetings. My first experience of congenial hospitality in Manila after telling jokes during Lunch after closing session, the speaker of R.P. Parliament rushed to hug me and said,

**“Prasop: Don’t go away, there are 5 FBI - agents sent by President of United States to catch some one to replace Bob Hope - he is too old!”**

Since then, it was a small man who was asked to make after dinner speeches at every meeting. It was in Manila again when the host country invited Russia, China & USA as their guests, without notifying member countries, a small man had a small part to solve the tension with a quotation of Florence Nightingale a renown nurse of World War -- her famous last words -- I am a small girl, what I can do is very little. But - if we all join hands together, what a voluminous output society would gain.”

**General Mc. Arthur** used to say, old soldiers never die -- they just fade away -- and goodbye.

Dear friends, Mr. AIPO No. 1, since August 1989 never die, he just lie still for a little while for health reason, and will see you all in Bangkok and next AIPO General Assembly.

“Life without health is lifeless,” and Goodness is the only investment that never fails: I wish you all for the great success of this AIPO Assembly and you will consider my proposal to pay more attention on Migration - Social and Health matters.

Opinion will not survive without implementation and strong fight for the.

Once again:

“Don’t walk in front of me-  
    I may not follow,  
Don’t walk behind me-  
    I may not lead you  
Walk beside me - just be my friends!”

Fellow AIPO friends-Do something to promote Quality of Life of Asean Community, and on my view as Mr. AIPO No. 1. We can only say - a great Toleration is a great success of moderation - Philosophy of “Sufficiency.” Patience is bitter - but its fruits are sweet.

Fellow Rotarians - Do something for your country, and Asean.

“Do all the good       you can,  
By all the means     you can,  
In all the ways       you can,  
In all the places     you can,  
At all the times     you can,  
As long as ever      you can.”

Remember, “Goodness is the only investment that never fails.”

To-day is good,  
To-morrow should be better  
And forever should be the best.

Friends, I wish you all - Happiness, Good Health and prosperous long life.

Listen, “Enough is better than too much.”

Since we can not get what we like,  
Let us like what we can get.

Thank you all.