Good evening fellow members, colleagues in the industry, friends and guests. It is unfortunate that I cannot join you due to my medical condition but I am definitely with you in spirit tonight to celebrate Christmas. I will be back soon to join you in celebrating many more milestones of our beloved PCA.

It has been two years that I served you as your President and I can say that it was a very challenging, humbling, wonderful and memorable experience. I am also grateful to have had this experience making it by far, the highlight of my professional career. It made me fully understand the need to serve our members, our industry and our country thru most especially, the formulation of a 30 Year Masterplan for Infrastructure Projects.

Identifying the short, medium and long term infrastructure projects required for economic growth, this plan will be in consultation with all government agencies, the academe, the private sector and even foreign funding agencies. We hope to submit this to the lower & upper houses for legislation to be funded through the General Appropriations Act. With legislation in place for the next 30 years, the construction industry is poised to propel the economy for steady growth.

I am proud to say that I and the whole board of directors have accomplished so much, always bearing in mind what is good for the industry and our country. Exec Director Barry Paulino has reported our accomplishments but 4 of these remain very dear to me: These are:

First, we completed and launched the Philippine Infrastructure Roadmap for 2020 to 2030. It highlights the vision of the Philippine Construction Industry to be a global partner in building nations by 2030 through the achievement of the integrated four pillars: Productivity, Sustainability, Globalization and Institutions.

Productivity covers the efficient, modern, and digital technologies founded on a culture of integrity, professionalism and innovation.
Sustainability refers to the quality of construction and services, consistent with the principles of sustainability.

Globalization introduces competitive players with increased scope, scale and specialization of services.

Institutions refer to strong government leadership and regulations, supported by a highly interconnected network of private institutions working toward inclusive development.

The Roadmap was co-authored by the DTI, CIAP & the PCA and received invaluable Support from Secretary Ramon Lopez of the Dept. of Trade and Industry and his able deputy Under Secretary Rowel Barba. Not to forget Eng. Levy Espiritu who chaired the committee in drafting and formulating the Infrastructure roadmap. Thank you partner and congratulations for being this year’s Outstanding Alumnus of the UP College of Engineering.

Second, we have revived the Masterclass program last year and which will be a regular program of the PCA from now on. This is a program designed to give participants first-hand construction management knowledge and experiences from the top honchos of all the big, if not the biggest, construction companies who we invited as speakers. We have already conducted 3 masterclasses with 120 graduates who are now certified world class and globally competitive project managers.

Third, we signed a Memorandum of Agreement with TESDA in 2018 and institutionalized the Construction Supervisors Training Program. To ensure that we produce globally competitive staff, we engaged People1st of UK to help us develop the training materials for a standard and world-class delivery of the training program. Working with our team, People1st was able to produce 3 training programs - Train the Trainer, Construction Site Supervisors Training, and the Construction Trade Supervisors Training - which are now assured programs by the Institute of Leadership of Management, also of the UK.

In late 2018, we also started the Pambansang Treyners ng Konstruksyon Program, to train industry trainers as a necessary complement to the Construction Supervisors Training Program. We already have to date; we have a
total of some 500 trainees who have graduated or have started this year alone. Starting with only 1 training partner from the PCA family, we have grown to 8 enterprise-based delivery partners, and we hope to grow more, and have more of our member firms and our chapters involved as we continue to train in 2020.

This program has been acknowledged by TESDA as a gold standard of a strong private sector engagement.

Fourth, we went through with the Philconstruct series, with this year being very special. We successfully launched the first Philconstruct Luzon held in Clark last March, another milestone for the Philconstruct series. Also this year we celebrated the 10th year anniversary of Philcon Cebu and Davao last June and September respectively. Let us give a warm applause to Cebu Philcon Chair Bernard Von Sia and CCA Pres Pet Dakay as well as Philcon Davao Chair Mon Allado and DCACI Pres Tony Uy for their selfless, untiring and relentless support. Lastly, we had a grand celebration of the 30th anniversary of Philconstruct Manila held last month in SMX, World trade center and even extended to the adjacent lot to accommodate the overflowing exhibitors. We gave recognition to all our loyal and supportive exhibitors in the industry night specially held for them.

Behind the success of the Philconstruct series is a man whose creativity, passion, and dedication is ultra-exceptional. The last two years saw a novel, innovative and out of the box way of showcasing the exhibit which drew more interest to the participating exhibitors and attending public. Please let us give a warm applause to the Philconstruct Chairman and First Vice President Eng. Gerry Pancho.

Philconstruct has grown tremendously 30 years ago to what it is now. From a handful exhibitors to more than 568 local and foreign exhibitors, we have grown more than expected and I am confident that this will eventually translate to the growth of our industry. We at PCA will remain as the catalyst for progress as we have envisioned it to be.

Ladies and gentlemen, all of these accomplishments would not have been possible without the full support and trust of my 2018-2019 board of directors who I would like to acknowledge for the last time:
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All these people have rallied behind me to work harder with our very best to constantly measure up to PCA’s ideals of industry & integrity. The road to success is always under construction, so they say, and these are the very people who can ably help pave that road. These are the very people you want to keep in your team forever.

As my last word, thank you so much for this opportunity of serving you, entrusting me with your confidence to lead and according me with your full support. A blessed Christmas and New Year to all!!