

Special Message
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CAMPI Presidency Turnover
Grand Hyatt Manila

A very pleasant good morning. Thank you for joining us today. I am proud to have been given the opportunity to serve as your president for the last fourteen (14) years. To say that this has been an interesting and rewarding experience is an understatement.

A lot of the most wonderful people I have met in my entire professional life are in this room. You have all been mentors, advocates, supporters and friends. But please allow me to especially thank:

- The Toyota management for their encouragement and unwavering support;
- CAMPI Chairman, Rep. Jose Ch Alvarez for his guidance and enduring wisdom;
- CAMPI Board of Trustees and the Members for their trust and confidence;
- CAMPI Officers, Executive Committee and the Working Committees for their support, dedication and hard work;
- Government and industry stakeholders for the meaningful partnerships and fruitful collaborations;
- Media friends who gave us a platform to amplify our voice;
- And although they are not present today, our friends at the ASEAN Automotive Federation, Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association, APEC Auto Dialogue and AMEICC Working Group on Automobile Industry, from whom we have learned so much.

I am not going to highlight all our accomplishments for the last fourteen (14) years. What we have achieved speaks for itself. And we also have a coffee table book for that. Instead, I would like to mention two (2) things that I am proud of:

- First, that we have grown not just in numbers and market share, but also in terms of impact and influence. Our expanding membership and increased role in policymaking and developmental initiatives demonstrate true and reliable industry leadership.

- Second, that I am leaving you with a new vision for the future. In my final year as president, and coincidentally, the 30th anniversary of CAMPI, we intentionally launched CAMPI's new vision reflecting on our role as the leading automotive industry association in the country. This is not closing the book of CAMPI. Rather, it is opening new chapters for the incoming leadership, so that CAMPI can continue making an impactful stance on mobility transition in the country.

In one of my earliest interviews as CAMPI President, I was asked about my thoughts on taking the lead of what was then already an influential organization. I remember saying "It's going to be more fun. Let's bring it on." And it has really been fun!

Today, I must say I am a fulfilled leader. We have accomplished a lot. I know there are more things that the Association will accomplish in the future.

I wish the best to our incoming president, Jing Atienza, and the new CAMPI officers. I know you have already set yourself up for a lot of work. The past leaderships of CAMPI already set the path of posterity. I trust that the incoming officers will build on it and chart new successes for the Association with the full support of the members and industry stakeholders.

Once again, THANK YOU! I will always be grateful for your support, trust and friendship.

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