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## **U.S. Embassy Statement on Philippine Elections**

The Embassy of the United States extends warm congratulations to the people of the Philippines for achieving another milestone in their nation's democratic history with the May 10 elections. Philippine citizens served their nation by volunteering at the polls, exercising their right to vote, and taking every step necessary to ensure all ballots were counted. The Embassy was privileged to send 120 observers across the country to witness Philippine democracy in action. While there are always lessons to be learned, our overwhelming impression is that the Philippines has much to be proud of today.

We look forward to a smooth transition and, after June 30, to working with the new Philippine government to deepen the friendship and partnership between our two nations, and to advance our common goals for the benefit of the Southeast Asia region and the world.

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