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MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

Greetings to the organizers, exhibitors, authors, educators, publishers, librarians, students, and book lovers gathered for the Manila International Book Fair 2026.

For more than four decades, the Manila International Book Fair has served as a cherished gathering that celebrates the written word and the enduring power of books to educate, inspire, and transform lives.

We believe that a nation that reads is a nation that leads. Therefore, we must ensure that every Filipino child has access to quality books and reading materials while creating more opportunities to discover the joy of reading. We must continue to champion Filipino authors and publishers, whose stories preserve our heritage, reflect our identity, and help shape the values of future generations.

Cultivating a nation of readers requires a whole-of-nation effort. The government, schools, families, educators, the publishing industry, and our partners must work hand in hand to build a culture where reading is not merely a classroom activity, but a lifelong habit.

Guided by the vision of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to continuously strengthen the education sector, we remain steadfast in advancing literacy, expanding access to quality reading materials, and nurturing every Filipino learner's love for reading.

My heartfelt congratulations to the organizers of the Manila International Book Fair for sustaining this remarkable tradition of promoting literacy, learning, and Filipino readership. May this year's celebration inspire even more Filipinos to discover the joy of reading and reaffirm that every page turned is another step toward a brighter future.

Congratulations, and mabuhay ang Manila International Book Fair 2026!



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