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**COURTESY CALL OF FILIPINO OLYMPIANS ON  
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**

[Malacañang Golf (MALAGO) Clubhouse in Malacañang Park, Manila | 09 August 2021]

**SENATOR CHRISTOPHER LAWRENCE “BONG” GO:** Mr. President, as Chair of the Senate Committee on Sports, I am proud to present our Boxing Olympians. First, Ms. Irish Magno, Tokyo Olympics boxer quarterfinalist Women’s Flyweight Division, Apprentice Seaman of the Philippine Navy, active. The pride of Iloilo Province Ms. Irish Magno. *[applause]*

Second, Mr. Eumir Marcial, Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist Men’s Middleweight Division, newly promoted Sergeant of the Philippine Air Force, active. Ang “Kumo ng Zamboanga,” of Region IX. *[applause]*

Third is Ms. Nesthy Petecio, Tokyo Olympics silver medalist Women’s Featherweight Division, incoming Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class of the Philippine Coast Guard, active. Ang “Garbo sa Davao Del Sur,” ang atong silingan, Ms. Nesthy Petecio. *[applause]*

Fourth, Mr. Carlo Paalam, Tokyo Olympics silver medalist Men’s Flyweight Division, Apprentice Seaman of the Philippine Navy, active. “Ang Banggiitan sa Cagayan de Oro, Misamis Oriental,” Mr. Carlo Paalam. *[applause]*

Mr. President, nagkatotoo po na ang Mindanao ay land of promise. Mr. President, our Filipino athletes, our Olympians. *[applause]*

**PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE:** I salute you.

So, I would like to announce that in addition to what the law gives you the 5 million silver medalist and the bronze medalist 2 million, my office, the Office of the President, will grant additional cash incentives to our athletes in the Tokyo Olympics.

So, Carlo Paalam, silver medalist for boxing, will receive additional 2 million coming from the Office of the President. *[applause]*

Nesthy Petecio, silver medalist for boxing, will also receive an additional of 2 million from my office. *[applause]*

Eumir Felix Marcial, bronze medalist for boxing, will receive an additional 1 million from the Office of the President. *[applause]*

And Irish Magno, Olympic athlete for boxing, will receive 200,000 pesos. *[applause]*

Now, you listen very carefully, our other Filipino Olympians will receive 200,000 from the Office of the President, lahat. *[applause]* And the medalists will receive the Order of Lapu-Lapu medal. That is [an] honor given by the Republic of the Philippines to those who have excelled in

something and brought honor to the country *[applause]* and Presidential citation for all Olympians, sa lahat.

So 'yan, mayroon kayong, by law, the --- ang ano ninyo sa batas is ang silver medalist is 5 million; ang bronze medalist is 2 million; tapos tag --- may 2 million, 2 million, 1 million, 200,000 dagdag. So puwede na kayo magpakasal. *[applause]* May panggastos na.

I'd like to say something. It is not an everyday occurrence that we receive such an honor from our citizens of the Republic of the Philippines. You went to Tokyo to fight and I, well, say that you did your best and the Filipino people appreciates it, especially bringing honor to the country. You all won in that --- in that... *[applause]*

Those who participated in all events brought honor to the country, irrespective of... *[applause]* I do not --- I do not care about winning, and that is why they will receive tag-200,000 pesos, all of you --- all other Olympians will receive from my office.

So congratulations and mabuhay kayo! *[applause]*

Okay. Kung medyo tingin ninyo na kulang pa, pakialam lang at sabihin at dagdagan pa natin ng dagdag kung sa tingin ninyo kulang. Kulang pa ba? Well, okay. That is all the money that we can afford, actually.

Congratulations again and mabuhay kayong lahat! *[applause]* Thank you.

Go home to your provinces and share your glory with your friends and family. Okay na, puwede na kayong umuwi.

**EUMIR MARCIAL:** Daghang salamat, sir, Mr. President.

**IRISH MAGNO:** Daghang salamat, Mr. President.

**NESTHY PETECIO:** Sir, salamat. Salamat gyud sa suporta, sir. Nesthy Petecio po from Davao del Sur po.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Basta nanalo.

**CARLO PAALAM:** Carlo Paalam po, sir. Salamat kaayo, sir, sa tanan nga suporta sa Pilipino, sir. Salamat, sir.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Okay. Give me a snappy salute all of you. *[applause]*

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