

**Message of DTMENDOZA
President , TUCP President
Labor Day 2004
World Trade Center**

YOUR EXCELLENCY,
BROTHERS AND SISTERS,
GUESTS LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

MABUHAY ANG MANGGAGAWANG PILIPINO!
MABUHAY ANG PILIPINAS!

IT'S LABOR DAY AGAIN.
WE PONDER
ON THE FATE OF THE FILIPINO WORKER.
THE GREAT FILIPINO WORKER!

IT'S GOOD THAT WE HAVE WITH US
THE PRESIDENT,
WHOM I BELIEVE
WILL STAY AS PRESIDENT
FOR ANOTHER SIX YEARS.

WORKERS ASK FOR NOTHING
BUT WHAT IS RIGHTFULLY
FOR THEM.

WE DEMAND DECENT JOBS
AND DECENT LIVES,
FOR ALL WORKERS
AND THEIR FAMILIES.

THIS LABOR DAY,
WE OFFER SUGGESTIONS.
THESE WILL GREATLY
IMPROVE THE LIVES OF WORKERS.
MADAME PRESIDENT,
WE WISH THAT THESE ISSUES
BE ADDRESSED SOONEST.

LIVING WAGES,
JOB GENERATION, FULL EMPLOYMENT,
TAX EXEMPTIONS,
UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE,
FOOD SECURITY,
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR WORKERS,
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING,
PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND YOUTH,
PROTECTION OF OFWS.

WE HAVE FILED THE
NECESSARY WAGE PETITIONS
BEFORE THE REGIONAL WAGE BOARDS.
WE ASK THAT THE BOARDS
EXPEDITE THEIR DECISIONS.

75 PESOS IN METRO MANILA
72 PESOS IN NORTHERN MINDANAO
70.50 PESOS IN CENTRAL LUZON
63 PESOS IN SOUTHERN TAGALOG
50 PESOS IN CENTRAL VISAYAS
47 PESOS IN SOUTHERN MINDANAO

OTHER PETITIONS WILL FOLLOW.

SANA TULUNGAN NINYO KAMI
MAHAL NA PANGULO!

MADAME PRESIDENT,
WE ALSO WISH THAT LABOR RELATIONS,
PARTICULARLY IN THE AREAS OF UNION RECOGNITION
AND DISPOSITION OF LABOR JUSTICE
ARE IMPROVED.

WE NEED POLITICAL REFORMS.
OUR COUNTRY IS RAVAGED
BY TOO MUCH BAD POLITICS,
RESULTING IN BUREACRATIC GRIDLOCK.

MASYADO TAYONG MARAMING ELECTIONS!

WE URGE
YOUR EXCELLENCY TO PUSH FOR
THE CALLING OF
A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
TO EFFECT CHANGES IN OUR CONSTITUTION.

THE PHILIPPINE LABOR MOVEMENT
IS OVER A CENTURY OLD.

MANY UNIONISTS HAVE SACRIFICED,
SOME TOO DEARLY.

MANY OF US HERE
HAVE SPEND MOST OF OUR LIVES
SERVING WORKERS.

THREE OF US HAVE SERVED 3/4THS OF A CENTURY
FIGHTING FOR WORKERS.

THERE ARE MANY
STRUGGLES THAT NEED TO BE WON,
FOR AND IN BEHALF OF THE WORKERS.

I CALL ON THE YOUNG
TO PREPARE THEMSELVES
TO TAKE OVER THE CUDGELS
OF LEADING THE FIGHT FOR DECENT JOBS
AND DECENT LIVES.

I WISH, IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS,
WE WILL SEE MEANINGFUL CHANGES,
IN POLITICS, IN SOCIETY, AND IN THE LIVES
OF ALL FILIPINO WORKERS!

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