

Aquino Meets Philippine Nationals
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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 27 (Bernama) -- Visiting Philippine President Benigno S. Aquino III met over 500 Philippine nationals here tonight, an event organised in conjunction with his two-day visit to Malaysia.

The attendees included professionals and businessmen.

An engineer, Edgar Paul Acorda, 41, said Aquino in his speech delivered in Tagalog, expressed his gratitude towards the Malaysian government for being a good neighbour.

"He's very thankful, Malaysia has helped us a lot, especially during the devastating Typhoon Haiyan last year," said the engineer with an oil and gas company.

College lecturer Ruly Cagadas, 48, said the president urged Filipinos working abroad to believe in his vision for the Philippines.

"...so that everyone will be moving towards the same and one direction," said Cagadas who has been working in Malaysia for six years.

Aquino arrived here earlier today for a visit aimed at enhancing bilateral ties between Manila and Kuala Lumpur.

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