



A PilipinasMabuhay100 exclusive: His Excellency, President MANUEL LUIS QUEZON, Second President of the Philippines (First President of the Philippine Commonwealth) (1935-1944), in a speech broadcast to the Filipino People — delivered in the 1920's-30s.

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According to President Quezon's grandson, current Undersecretary of the Presidential Communications Development and Strategic Planning Office, Manuel 'Manolo' L. Quezon III, this speech was delivered after the President was diagnosed with tuberculosis and "assumed that he didn't have much longer to live."

During his tenure, President Quezon led the Philippines on its first steps towards full independence; painstakingly established a government-in-exile in the United States during the Japanese occupation of the Philippines and lifted up the morale of the Filipino People in the midst of war through his frequent radio broadcasts.

Quezon died of tuberculosis in Saranac Lake, New York on August 1, 1944; Vice-President Sergio S. Osmeña succeeded him as the Third President of the Philippines (Second President of the Philippine Commonwealth).

Two years later, his dream was realized at last; the Republic of the Philippines was finally inaugurated as a sovereign, independent nation on the 4th of July, 1946, with Manuel L. Roxas as the newly-elected President of the Philippines.

"I would rather have a country run like hell by Filipinos than a country run like heaven by the Americans, because however a bad Filipino government might be, we can always change it."
----Manuel L. Quezon

Presidential Communications Operations Office Undersecretary (and grandson of President Quezon), Manuel 'Manolo' Quezon III, has approved the broadcast of this remarkable speech.
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