



***Philippine Pres. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo says:
Philippine economy stronger, more stable
despite political theatrics***

MANILA, Jan. 17 (PGON) - President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo said today the country has grown “stronger and more stable” as her administration continues to win the battle against coup plots and political theatrics.

The President made the assertion this afternoon during the 5th Biennial Convention and 10th Anniversary of the Chinese Filipino Business Club, Inc. at the Manila Hotel amid reports of a new plot to destabilize her administration.

Government security forces have arrested five former soldiers allegedly involved in a fresh plot against the administration.

“The reality is we have become a stronger, more stable nation as these types of political shenanigans fall flat with you and the people,” the President said.

“Half of our battle in the Philippines is to overcome the self-indulgent political theatrics that send the wrong messages,” she added.

While the uprising staged by mutinous soldiers led by Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV last Nov. 29 “fizzled out,” the President admitted that the incident gave the country’s image a “black eye.”

She said the people are tired of the “political sideshow,” adding that Filipinos crave for peace, order, security, high-paying jobs and quality education. #

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