



Press Statement

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**MBC STATEMENT ON THE SELECTION OF MARIA LOURDES SERENO
AS 24TH CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT**

The Makati Business Club hails the selection of Associate Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno as the 24th Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines. We believe that the President has chosen a morally upright person with impeccable integrity, independence of mind, and competence essential for the highest magistrate of the land.

The impeachment trial of former Chief Justice Renato Corona divided the country and greatly tested the faith of the people in our justice system. We sincerely hope that our new Chief Justice rebuilds the people's trust in the institution by ensuring greater transparency and accountability in the courts. We also hope that she drives the long-delayed and necessary reforms towards uncrowding our congested dockets, the speedy resolution of cases, and the fair and equal application of the law.

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