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Shut the Fake Ups for this Fed-up Country

Corrupt-free country, 6-month drugs eradication and what else...

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte accepted the nomination of his political party PDP-Laban to run for another seat in the Philippine government. The outgoing President stated that he will continue his fulfilment for the service of the Filipino people by running for vice president in the incoming 2022 presidential election.

Rather than accept failure for the past 5 years of his presidency, Old man did not choose to break instead continue and retain his power for his so called concern but turns out to be the "concern" of this country.

Duterte's supporters and allies insist that the president's decision is for the benefit of the Filipino people. Karlo Nograles, executive vice president of the ruling PDP-Laban party, said in a statement it is for the President to continue his accomplishments for the past five years including his so-called "war on drugs", which is full of blood and injustice.

This man's enticement in usurpation of power brought the country into its drag. Wrapping pillows into his head to escape nightmares he has started. His disgusting beliefs that life is just as easy to come and go for those who had demise from his hands.

Now using the immunity of being a high official to continue his selfish desires.

He's now being hunted from the hell of a past he had made; the International Criminal Court (ICC) has formally authorized an official investigation into alleged crimes against humanity committed in Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte's "war on drugs," handing a moral win to human rights activists and families of victims killed, including children.

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has brought the country and its people into millions of deaths continuously. Inadequate support for the healthcare system keeps the foot of every Filipino in grave. Everyday tens of thousands of Filipino people succumb to suffering due to the aggravating pandemic.

The long journey of burden and discrepancy for what he had promised to make in this country is too much to take. This president's way of governance is a deviation from the country's success. His false words of manipulation have to be ended otherwise his actions are far worse than the Filipinos have experienced.

People must not be taken as common and as easy to fool. The game is changing for those politicians who keep on cheating citizens. The light is brighter than that blinding show of this administration. The problems faced and still being faced by the Filipinos are not a jokes, the only ones entertained here is this administration who kept themselves applauded for what they are doing in this country.

He already spooned who he is, the people already took a lot. This must not be redo; the starting show off to a chaotic aftermath. Lot of guts to say his service is still needed for this country, why just shut the fake up and retrieve this fed up country?



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BASC holds first virtual graduation; sustains quality education amidst pandemic



WENDY MAE A. GUERRERO



PERSISTENT. Bulacan Agricultural State College celebrated hope as they recognized its first virtual graduates, with Senator Joel Villanueva as the Guest of Honor. Photo | BASC facebook page.

“Graduation is more than just a ceremony, it is a celebration of hope,” Senator Joel Villanueva, guest of honor said during the 2021 BASC Commencement Exercises administered via Facebook live, September 28.

Regardless of the circumstances, Bulacan Agricultural State College produced a total of 149 graduates who have taken their oath virtually.

Sen. Villanueva acknowledged the graduates as knowledgeable, well-equipped, and contributing citizens because Higher Education (BASC) pleaded its part, and made it possible.

“Change always begins in education, and Higher Education Institutions like BASC, can make a positive change that could impact our society,” Sen. Villanueva emphasized.

Furthermore, Engr. Alfredo L. Taluban Jr., Dean of Institute of Engineering and Applied Technology acknowledged the perseverance of the students despite the sudden changes experienced, and addressed the persistence

of the college to provide quality education.

“This year’s theme Sustaining Quality Education, Conquering Challenges in the New Normal is a testimony that regardless the circumstances, quality education is still, and will always be our goal,” Engr. Taluban said.

Moreso, three of the graduates received Latin honor; Divina B. Rivera (Magna Cum Laude), Cyril Jean DC. Bernabe (Cum Laude), and Princess Grace C. Balagtas (Cum Laude) of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture.

On the other hand, BASC - Laboratory High School’s Recognition Program and Moving Up Ceremony was held last August 27, via Facebook Live with Senator Joel Villanueva as the Guest of Honor, while Dr. Hermogenes Paguia, Vice President of Research, Extension and Training Services of Bataan Peninsula State University, and Dr. Joel Vasallo, Education Program Supervisor served as the Speakers.

Dr. Tan, FSSC assure to support students as new AY starts



BIANCA GAIL D.C. GONZALES

“Kapit lang at nandito ang inyong pamunuan, mga faculty at staff ng BASC na handang gumabay sa inyo sa panahong ito na tinatawag na New Normal.”

This has been the message of Dr. Jameson H. Tan, Bulacan Agricultural State College’s President, as the institution kicks off the opening of the Academic Year 2021-2022, August 23.

Dr. Tan further advised the students to continue studying

and do not waste the chance to study on the new mode of learning.

He also said that the college was prepared for the supposedly limited or full face-to-face classes as proposed by Commission on Higher Education which was then put on hold as the new variant of COVID was discovered.

“Sakali mang payagan ang face-to-face classes (limited man o full) ay nakahanda ang ating paaralan upang maiwasan

ang paglaganap ng infection dulot ng COVID 19. Kaya lang, sa pagkakaroon na ng Delta variant, muli na namang naudlot ang balakin ng CHED na buksan na muli ang mga kolehiyo at unibersidad sa face-to-face classes,” he said.

Furthermore, Dr. Tan said that he was concerned for the limiting of budget from the government which may affect the College’s services.

Meanwhile, Federation of Supreme Student Council

President Argie Bunalade said that the student leaders were there to lessen the hardship and help the students with their concerns.

“BASCians! Hope you are all in safe condition. Be prepared for the incoming semesters, mentally, physically and emotionally. Nandito kaming Student Leaders to guide you, for your non-stop queries and concerns, [we will] help to lessen the hardships in your academics. Samahan niyo



SWSU welcomes freshies; DVM studees to have f2f class soon

DANIEL LUIS P. VERONA

Aiming to give basic information about the college, introduce the college administrators, office heads and deans, and inform the students about the programs and services offered by the college, Student Welfare Services Unit (SWSU) steered an Online Orientation for freshmen, transferees and parents, August 27 via Facebook Live.

On his opening remarks, Mr. Herbert Anthony Roberto, SWSU Head addressed the students' parents who remains steadfast in supporting their children in spite of the adversities brought by the pandemic.

"Although we all know that you are currently at a very challenging times, we must not forget that we really have to do our very best to continue our life for us to achieve our dreams," he added.

Moreover, Dr. Jameson H. Tan expressed the readiness of the faculty to cater the needs of the students.

"Nais naming ipabatid sa inyo na nakahanda ang ating mga guro sa pagbibigay ng kaalaman sa inyo," he said.

He furthermore mentioned that face-to-face class is most likely to happen for the following semester, if not, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine students and students on courses with laboratory must expect to have it soon.

Meanwhile, programs and services offered by the college were presented, while the deans and heads from different institute, colleges and offices shared a message on the said activity.

Federation of Supreme Student Council President, Argie Bunalade introduce the Constitution and By-Laws of the council which was intensified and promoted last December 2020 for centralized and united student government at BASC.

"Kami ay may responsibilidad na gumawa, magplano at maging aktibo sa mga student programs and activities. Promoting the student right, welfare, development, empowering women and gender equality," Bunalade uttered.

Furthermore, five lucky students which were chosen via raffle draw were given a Globe prepaid wifi sponsored by Globe.

BASC administers ISO 9001:2015 training course

CHARLES SULIT

In response to colleges' desire for certification, BASC commenced virtual training course to raise awareness and to improve the current system for better education via Zoom link and Facebook live, September 9, 2021.

Guest speaker Marvin Austria Bernardino, Management System Auditor/Consultant shared his expertise with the faculty members, professors, students

and some viewers regarding the agenda; ISO 9001:2015 Awareness Training Course.

ISO 9001 is defined as the international standard that specifies requirements for a quality management system (QMS). Organizations use the standard to demonstrate the ability to consistently provide products and services that meet customer and regulatory requirements.



19th In-House Review harbors on New Normal innovations

BIANCA GAIL D.C. GONZALES

Anchoring to the theme "Navigating the New Normal: Viable Innovations, Research and Extension Work", Bulacan Agricultural State College's Research, Extension, Production and Development (BASC - REPD) spearheaded its 19th Agency In-House Review, August 25 via Zoom and Facebook Live.

Presented were 19 completed and 9 on-going research and extension projects which falls under the categories Technical/Agricultural Research and Social Research.

Dr. Jameson H. Tan,

College President, emphasized that the event "was not just about the celebration of research and extension distinction, but it is also along with recruiting and engaging more young faculty researchers of BASC."

"Let us mentor these young minds who will carry on the torch that will bring more breakthroughs and goodwill to all research and development, as well as extension," Dr. Tan added.

Furthermore, Dr. Eufrocina P. Atabay of Philippine Carabao Center served as the keynote speaker during the event.

BASC recognizes college's public servants; reaffirms commitment to public trust



ERICKA DELOS SANTOS



With the 10-year theme “Transforming Public Service in the Next decade: Honing Agile and Future-Ready Servant Heroes”, Bulacan Agricultural State College celebrated the 121st year anniversary of the Philippine Civil Service via Zoom Application and Facebook Live, September 30.

For the opening

remarks, Dr. Ronald Reagan T. Alonzo, Vice President of Administrative, Finance and Public Affairs, noted that the said event was an opportunity to reaffirm the commitment to public trust.

“This theme highlights the human resource reforms achieved as a response to the new normal, and major changes

that will happen or will be undertaken in the next few years as we recover and pursue a better normal,” Dr. Alonzo said.

Moreover, SUC President III Jameson H. Tan gave his warmest greetings to the awardees of Loyalty Award, Huwarang Guro and Huwarang Kawani, and encouraged to further inspire colleagues as BASC thread the path in this time of pandemic.

“We at BASC, count on our faculty and employees to continue promoting dedication and responsiveness to our role as public servants, guided with the sense of purpose that led to the creation of the civil service at a time of nation building,” he added.

In addition, Ms. Eleonora V. Uy, who got the award as Huwarang Guro, expressed her gratitude after 39 years in the public service, and inspired everyone to continue to work

hard as civil servants towards the achievement of the goal of faculty.

Likewise, Dr. Cecilia S. Santiago, Vice President, Academic Affairs delivered her closing remarks by greeting the awardees and inspiring them as a public servant.

Dr. Santiago uttered, “Let us continue to uphold the ideals of transparency and accountability as we work as one towards transferring public service in the next decade.”

Meanwhile, the awardees received incentives of Bronze Pin and Certificate for 10 years in service, Silver Pin and Certificate for 20 years, Gold Pin and Certificate for 30 years, and Platinum Pin and Certificate for 40 years as public servant, while personnels who stayed in the college for 25-40 years at BASC service, Huwarang Guro and Kawani bagged a plaque.

CA conducts annual orientation, Dr. Tan considers Agriculture as flagship program



REYNALDO A. GUMABON

Dr. Jameson H. Tan, President of Bulacan Agricultural State College, emphasized agriculture as the flagship program of the college on the College of Agriculture Virtual Orientation via Facebook Live, September 24.

“Even if we will be converted into a university, the word Agriculture will remain a part of the name of the university,” Dr. Tan said.

According to Dr. Tan, Agriculture is vital in this time of pandemic. “Without agriculture, probably nagutom na lahat ng mga tao.”

On the other hand, Dr. Jennifer Adriano, Director of Office of the Student Affairs and

Services, discussed the units they offered, and the Free Education for all Program under the Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UNIFAST); and encouraged students to study attentively.

“Kahit online class, pagbutihan ninyo ang pag-aaral at huwag sayangin ang free education na binibigay ng gobyerno,” noted by Dr. Adriano.

Moreover, Dr. Honeylet J. Nicolas, Veterinary Medicine’s Program Chair, announced that BASC is the newest member of Philippine Association Of Veterinary Medicine Educators And Schools (PAVMES), and the 4th school member from Region 3.

Dr. Nicolas stressed



that they were strict in passing their students as 25% to 35% or 1/3 to 1/4 of examiners for DVM passed the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) board exam annually.

Likewise, Mrs. Dinah

Marie C. Dayag, Mrs. Joanna Marie S. Bradecina, and Mr. James D. Letche, Program Chairs of Crop Science, Animal Science and Horticulture respectively, gave their words of encouragement to the students.



IEd gears up future educators through virtual orientation



DANIEL LUIS P. VERONA

Nurturers in the process. Bulacan Agricultural State College's Institute of Education empowered the roles of future educators in nation building as the roots of every knowledge and wisdom by a Virtual Orientation, September 19.

"The very purpose of today's activity is to enlighten and inspire everyone who is enrolled in the education programs, of the vision and mission of the institute, and your future role in nation building," Dr. Analiza A. Vendicacion, IEd Dean said in her opening remarks.

Moreover, she emphasized that along with flexible mode of learning and modular for working students, BASC assured that they will do their best to deliver learning contents, and develop skills without risking the health, and

safety of the students.

"Though there might be no perfect approach to address learning gaps caused by this pandemic, we will explore all possible means to reach you and cater you, the quality education which is the mission of the college," she added.

Furthermore, the institute's admission, retention and exclusion policy were also discussed in the program including the policy and qualifications for honors of the college, shared by Ms. Grace Alison Manglallan, BEED Program Chair and adviser of BASC Honor Society, formerly known as Dean's Lister Society.

Meanwhile, the second part of the orientation will be administered per section, together with the election of Class Officers for the first year students.

from Dr. Tan, FSSC assure...

po kami sa panibagong laban na ating haharapin ngayong Academic Year 2021-2022. We are greatly expecting your support, BASCians! Maraming salamat, gabayan at pagpalain tayo ng

Panginoong Diyos," Bunalade said.

Moreover, he promised the transparency and comprehensiveness of the council all throughout the semester.



Seed of Hope: A FRUIT FOR FUTURE PROFESSIONALS



ROBIELYN E. GARCIA & RAND CRISTIAN S. HAGAD

SEED SELECTION

Picking on what seed we are going to plant is a tough decision. Digging up soil and placing a seed without research might not yield good results. It is a must to observe if the seed and the soil will have a good union that may lead to a good harvest. The seed planted by the people behind the existence of our institution found its home here in the land of San Ildefonso, Bulacan. History tells that the first land that they had chosen was

not suitable for the seed to grow which resulted in its transfer to another land from where it would sprout and bloom.

Once it has been transferred the seed bears the fruit in return for all the hardships the farmers exerted. There are some instances where faith is being tested as some fruits might not continue until harvest, but it does not matter. What really matters is that everything will fall on its place at the right time.

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TRANSPLANTING

Among the processes, transplanting is the most thrilling part because crops are better organized this way. This is when space was reserved for plant growth. Farmers decide on where to transfer and wait for the plant to sprout until the time for harvest. The best land to pick is the one with a soil healthy enough to supply the plant needs along its journey. This process likens to what the institution undergoes while slowly propagating its sweetest fruit.

In 1951, a school abruptly sprang up in Bintog, Plaridel, Bulacan which was then called Plaridel Community Agricultural High School better known as PCAHS that was led by Mr. Miguel T. Ongleo as an Inaugural Principal. Everything was made possible because of the cooperation of the people behind it, including the public servants back then, Mayor Jose

Mariano, Gov. Alejo Santos and Congressman Rogaciano Mercado. Unfortunately, resulting in lack of space and political reasons, PCAHS had to move in another area which paved the way for it to land on the site of the old and unused Rural Progress Administration located in Pinaod, San Ildefonso, Bulacan. Owing to the initiative of Mayor Jaime Iletto and Dionisio

Caday as its principal, this plant was transferred to a new place and called Bulacan Provincial Agricultural High School.

Moreover, by virtue of Republic Act 94B with an appropriation of P50,000.00, it was converted into Bulacan National Agricultural High School on June 20, 1953. The land of our institution was expanded on June 8, 1955 when the late President Ramon Magsaysay signed the Proclamation no.163 reserving certain portions of the Buenavista Estate for BNAHS site measuring 1,921,160 sq.m or 192.116 in hectares more or less.

The beloved school has gone through many transplanting processes not only in the area where it should be placed, but also in the name that suits the institution. Finally, the institution has found the right place of growth.

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FERTILIZING

The year 1998 is quite exhilarating for the institution. Late President Ramos of 1998 signed the R.A. 8548, a consolidation of House Bill No. 1449, authored by Congressman Ricardo Silverio, 3rd District of Bulacan, passed on February 6, 1998 whilst the Senate Bill No. 2389 was passed on February 5, 1998 converting BuNAS into Bulacan National Agricultural State College. Later on, 19th day of February 2004, it was given another name, from Bulacan National Agricultural State College (BNASC) into Bulacan Agricultural State College (BASC). Indeed, BASC continued to grow through the years of its service.

Furthermore, the institution remains with its goal: to provide affordable and excellent education. Facilities went into renovation and many are still under construction. These developments aided in providing quality education for the students.

Three buildings were constructed by the year 2013, a two-storey library for the students in helping them accomplish their school works and thesis; a Graduate School building for postgraduate students who wanted to expand their knowledge; and lastly, an Agricultural Laboratory for students conducting their experiments and other laboratory related activities.

The following year, BASC procured a new two-storey building for the Management Students. Moving on to the year 2017, more than 96 million pesos were allotted for the expansion of some infrastructure, renovation of old facilities and purchasing of various equipment for the school use.

“*The only thing the people of BASC foresee is the outcome that our school will harvest one of its biggest and sweetest fruits.*”

It was along with the celebration of 69th years and 23rd Charter Day of our Institution, a hard-earned success has arrived. The House Bill No. 08111 had already passed the 3rd and Final Reading and will proceed to the reading and delivery of the Senate.

Aiming for Universityhood is a long process. Nevertheless, the only thing the people of BASC foresee is the outcome that our school will harvest one of its biggest and sweetest fruits. Five years is given for BASC to comply with all the requirements of Commission on Higher Education followed by an evaluation.





PEST MANAGEMENT

Pests often destroy and inhibit the growth of crops so we need to suppress it with correct and effective pesticides. Indistinguishable to how BASC fought the pests that almost stopped its growth toward being an Agricultural University.

Last 12th of November 2020 super typhoon Ulysses hit Luzon hardest. The typhoon unleashed powerful winds and torrential rain that took away lives, destroyed homes, and left some parts of the region flooded.

Unfortunately, BASC was one of the most devastated by this raging typhoon. The force of the wind carried by the storm knocked down the tall and lush trees that witnessed the Institution's changes over the years. Thus, the thick and fat bodies of the trees blocked and obstructed the paths. Some facilities were also affected and could not be repaired immediately due to the absence of electricity, lack of manpower and equipment that can be used to cut down fallen trees. In other words, BASC was not completely prepared for such

disasters and only recently had a Disaster Management Office that could take the lead in these types of disastrous situations.

“Wala man lang tayo pampulot ng mga dapat putulin. Wala tayong working chain saw at that time, so nag-purchase pa. So kung sana mga naigayak ‘yan noon pa mas mabilis. Pero I am not blaming them. Besides, kailan lang naman natin nailagay ‘yung disaster management office.” Dr. Jameson H. Tan, College President.

Weeks had passed before BASC was able to restore

its electricity. The restoration was made possible by the unity and care of the staff of BASC.

Apart from having insufficient equipment, the pandemic played its part through restricting the number of people who are allowed to go outside. Although the institution has a great number of staff, but not everyone can go to BASC and offer their help to fix the damage done by the typhoon.

“It took us a week before we managed to restore the services at the college. Kasi, we have to restore the power, although medyo matagal ang paglilinis, manpower, besides we do not have equipment to do that,” Dr. Tan explained.

The damage left behind by such a disaster could affect BASC's application to become a university if it is not promptly dealt with by the school. Once the law has been passed, CHED Evaluation Team will pay a visit to BASC physically to determine if the institution composed itself to go on a higher level –an Agricultural University.

Going back to President Ramon Magsaysay's signed Proclamation No. 163, BASC has a total land area of 192 hectares coming from certain portions of Buenavista Estate. Unfortunately, illegal settlers have conquered almost half of the 192 hectares. Some parts of the land were supposedly reserved for additional buildings and infrastructures that are planned to be built 10 to 15 years from now through the Land use Development and Infrastructure Plan. However, the first thing that needs to be done is to reclaim all of its land in order to carry out the plans, which they considered to be a big problem today.

“We need to reclaim our land, we have 192 hectares, but that is only on paper. So that is one big problem that we need to address,” Dr. Tan emphasized.

Just like pests, issues may rise at any moment. All we have to do is to prepare ourselves for any trouble. Getting ready for anything is much better than doing nothing.

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WEEDING

In every crop, there will always be wild grass that must be pulled out in order for our crops to grow and get the nutrients alone. These weeds are trying to get a share of nutrients reserved for our crops which could lead to the plants dying.

In spite of the fact that BASC was able to get up after the disastrous typhoon, multiple issues were left unsolved. If we are to eliminate the conflicts inside the school, like crops, BASC will pick up the threads and be capable of raising products that can be globally competitive.

For the institution to be skilled enough to compete globally, some offices must give importance to all the issues and concerns of the students. Conflicts were most certainly not receiving enough attention from the people in-charge in some facilities.

“Dapat na maging responsive sila sa concern ng students. Especially ngayon na gumagamit lang tayo ng online platform for our communication,” Ms. Queen Berly C. Aga, freshman student.

However, higher levels were also agitated by the service offered in some offices and they

united to call for an improvement.

“Ang gusto kong makita sa BASC ay ang kalidad ng serbisyo na binibigay nila, partikular na ang Office of the Registrar,” Mr. Paulo Ambrocio, 2nd year student.

“Maraming mga mag-aaral ang hindi nasasagot ang emails at kung minsan ay inaabot pa ng buwan bago ito mareplyan,” he added.

Additionally, a 3rd year student of BASC has shared her insights in relation to the system and what is her suggestion.

“Gusto kong makitang may improvement sa BASC is ‘yung system. Medyo magulo pa kasi at medyo mabagal.” Ms. Marisol Ramos, 3rd year student.

Moreover, a future educator shared her opinion regarding this matter. BASC must improve their offices in answering the queries of students.

“Kailangan i-improve ng ating college ang pagsagot sa queries ng mga students. Marami po kasi ko nabasa sa comment section ng page ng iba’t - ibang offices na may mga students na hindi natutugunan ang questions nila.” Sherina Jem C. San Mateo,

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4th year student.

These issues and concerns began to exist when coronavirus disease abruptly entered the country and suddenly, face to face classes were shifted into flexible learning. However, the College President admits life before the pandemic is better, but they are trying to offer the best quality they could give during this time.

“We know that face to face is really better than online or flexible learning, but we are doing our best to deliver quality education even if it is on a flexible mode of delivery,” Dr. Tan expounded.

Frightfully, the COVID-19 shuts the door of opportunities for everyone. It has been a big hindrance since day one and none of us were prepared for this happening. If only the government opened their ears to the call of the Health Care Workers back then.



HARVESTING

Transplanting process may be thrilling, but what is more exciting is to see how the seed planted by the founders of our institution has changed over the years. BASC is continuously growing and producing exceptional graduates, products, and services that could compete globally.

The Institution was able to harvest the fruit of its labor. The college now has two (2) Level III programs, eight (8) Level II programs, and three (3) programs on Level I. Furthermore, BASC received its ISO 9001:2015 QMS (Quality Management System) Certificate on January 7, 2020.

Lastly, the Road to University Hood is getting nearer as House Bill 08111 passed the third and Final Reading early this year.

Like a rice field, BASC will face numerous disastrous storms as it treads the path to become a university. We have come a long way and we still have a long way to go, but we can only do it if we work together to reach our goal. BASC will be a university that will produce excellent and productive professionals.

The path along the universityhood is not always straight and fine. The faith of the people behind the success of BASC has been tested and yet, they managed to stand for BASC. All the recognitions are dedicated to everyone who has been helping the community of BASC to improve each day.

“The seed has been planted. It has to be nurtured, cared for. Not by one not by two, meaning to say not by me alone, I cannot do it alone. Not by my management team. It should be attributed to all.” Dr. Jameson H. Tan, College President.

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MARIANE CRUZ AT ROBIELYN GARCIA

Samu't saring kaganapan ang nagpapaligsahan sa kung sino ba ang dapat pagtapunan ng pansin para umani ng sandamakmak na reaksyon at komento. Hindi ko na mabilang ang pares ng mga matang nakatitig sa aking hubad na katawan na wari bang nag-aabang sa mga bagong burda, guhit at litratong itatapal sa kaluluwa kong umaalipin sa lahat ng mga taong nagpapasakop sa akin — sa mundo ng social media.

Sa labing dalawang buwan na umiikot sa isang taon, mayroong isang natatanging buwan na labis kong kinagigiliwan at kinasasabikang hagkan - ang buwan ng Hunyo. Nasasabik akong matunghayan ang iba't ibang kwento ng luha at kagalakan. Tuwing sasapit itong mainit at maalinsangang panahon, hudyat na ito sa mga mag-aaral upang maghanda para sa isang nakapapawing-pagod at nakatutuwang selebrasyon – ang Araw ng Pagtatapos.

Mayroon silang pare-parehong suot, mayroong kulay puti at may kulay itim. Taas-noong naglalakad tangan sa kanilang ulo ang tila ba korona na nagsisilbing putong ng karangalan. Nagkikinangan at nagkikinisang ang mga kasuotang pangyapak. Nasusumpungan ko rin ang mga koloreteng nakapahid sa mukha ng mga batang ito. May mga guro at mga panauhin, kabilang dito ang kanilang mga magulang, kaibigan, kamag-anak, pati na rin mga kapitbahay ay naroroon upang saksihan ang seremonya. Mababanaag ang nagkikislapang mga mata ng mga mag-aaral sa galak. Tila naibsan ang bigat na kanilang pinapasan sa loob ng mga taong nagdaan.

Lalo pang pinagarbo ng mga nagkakalansingan, nagkikinangan at nagpapadamihan na medalyang nakasabit sa leeg, at plake ng pagkilala ang selebrasyong ito. Tinatawag ang mga pangalan sa entabladong mistulang isang

teyatro sa mga pangunahing tauhan na nagkamit ng iba't ibang karangalan. Sila ang bida dahil sa palakpakang nakakamit sa tuwing binabanggit ang pangalan nang makailang ulit. Mayroon pang sama-samang kuha ng litrato ang mga nagsipagtapos, at mga magkakaibigan upang magkaroon sila ng alaalang babaunin 'pagkat sa araw ding iyon ay kailangan na nilang humiwalay sa landas ng isa't isa upang tahakin ang panibagong pahina ng kanilang mga buhay.



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Ngunit paano nangyari ito? Ang mga larawan at kwentong dumaloy sa dugo ko ngayong taon ay mga pangyayari dalawang taon na ang nakalipas. Mga luma na itong alaala at tila ibang-iba sa mga kwentong binuburda sa balat ko ngayon. Ang kasalukuyang taon ay tumamlay at nawalan ng indayog - hindi ito ang Marso na nakagawian at nakasanayan ko.

Ang selebrasyong nalipat na rin sa watak-watak na buwan at araw; nasa tahanan ang lahat ng nais makiisa sa pagtatapos. Kani-kaniyang antabay kung anong oras mababanggit ang kani-kanilang mga pangalan, at ang palakpakan ay papailanlang lamang sa apat na sulok ng tahanan. Kung mamalasin ka at mabagal pa sa pagong ang iyong koneksiyon, hindi mo na rin iibigin pang panuorin o tapusin ang nasabing programa. May mga bagong litrato at kuwento na itinala sa memorya ko, ngunit hindi kasing sigasig at kulay ng mga taon na ang mga mag-aaral

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Unti-unting akong nagigising sa katotohanan at biglang sumakit ang aking sikmura. Dahan-dahan kong nararamdaman ang pagkaduwal. Ang mga halu-halong pagkain na nasa aking tiyan ay tila gustong lumabas.

“Isang estudyante, nagpakamatay matapos hindi pagbigyan ng guro na maipasa ang na-late nitong gawain.”

“Bilang ng mga mag-aaral na hindi muna magpapatuloy sa taong panuruan, lalo pang tumataas”

“Academic Freeze!”

“Nagpapasa na lamang kami, ngunit wala naman kaming natutunan”

“Humihingi po ako ng kaunting tulong o kahit barya lang upang makabili ng cellphone na magagamit ko sa online class”

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Online



“Walang signal sa lugar namin, paano na ako makakahabol sa aming mga aralin?”

“Kalbaryo ng mga guro sa taong panuruan mas lumala pa”.

“Nagtatrabaho sa umaga, estudyante sa gabi”.

“Bilang nang mga mag-aaral na nag daranas ng depresyon at nagtangkang kitilin ang buhay, mas duma-rami pa”.

“Wala pang maayos na solusyon ang kinauukulan upang mabilis na makabalik ang mga estudyante sa tradisyonal na eskwela”

Nahimasmagan ako nang sa wakas ay nailabas ko na ang mga pagkaing binulay-bulay ko at bumasag ng aking katahimikan sa loob ng isang taon. Handa na ako sa panibagong putahe sa aking news feed na aking nanamnamin. Bagamat naging mahirap at

malungkot ang sistema sa pag-abot ng kani-kaniyang pangarap sa loob ng isang taong panuruan ay hindi pa rin maikakailang malawak at malikot ang imahinasyon ng mga Pilipinong mag-aaral. Ang matamlay na online graduation ay isinalba ng mga nakaaaliw at kawili-wiling mga kasabihan mula sa mga nagsipagtapos.

“Dumadaloy daw sa dugo namin ang pagiging matalino, kaso ANEMIC ako.”

“Proud ADONIS Scholars.”

“MATAAS ang pangarap ko, kaso yung HEIGHT ko HINDI.”

“Alam mo ba kung bakit may agwat daliri mo? Wala lang. Bakit gusto mo ba dikit dikit? ano ka ITIK?”

“Dati PANGARAP ko makapag tapos, ngayong nakapagtapos na ako-- wala na akong pangarap”

“TULOG anytime, anywhere.”

“Hindi baling laging LASING, basta sa DEAN’S LISTER pasok pa din.”

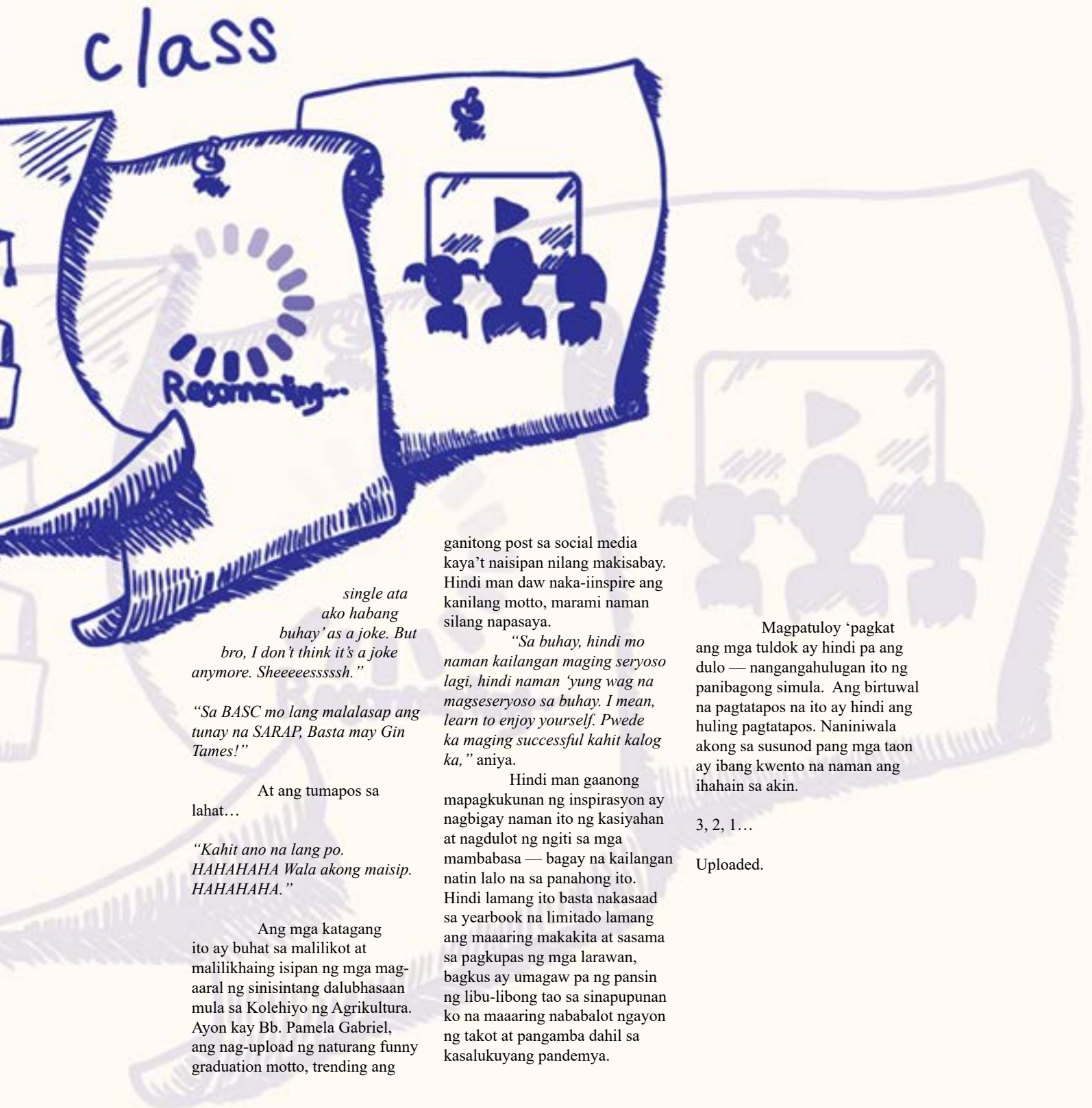
“PAYAT man sa inyong paningin, magaling namang GIGILING.”

“Huwag mong IKAKAMA ‘pag may PERIOD. Ganyan magsulat ng SENTENCE hindi yung kung anu-ano iniisip mo!”

“Sa EXAM, walang utak utak, mata mata lang”

“At first I was like ‘Magiging





*single ata
ako habang
buhay' as a joke. But
bro, I don't think it's a joke
anymore. Sheeeeeessshh."*

*"Sa BASC mo lang malalasap ang
tunay na SARAP, Basta may Gin
Tames!"*

At ang tumapos sa
lahat...

*"Kahit ano na lang po.
HAHAHAHA Wala akong maisip.
HAHAHAHA."*

Ang mga katagang
ito ay buhat sa malilikot at
malilikhaing isipan ng mga mag-
aaraal ng sinisintang dalubhasaan
mula sa Kolehiyo ng Agrikultura.
Ayon kay Bb. Pamela Gabriel,
ang nag-upload ng naturang funny
graduation motto, trending ang

ganitong post sa social media
kaya't naisipan nilang makisabay.
Hindi man daw naka-iinspire ang
kanilang motto, marami naman
silang napasaya.

*"Sa buhay, hindi mo
naman kailangan maging seryoso
lagi, hindi naman 'yung wag na
magseseryoso sa buhay. I mean,
learn to enjoy yourself. Pwede
ka maging successful kahit kalog
ka,"* aniya.

Hindi man gaanong
mapagkukunan ng inspirasyon ay
nagbigay naman ito ng kasiyahan
at nagdulot ng ngiti sa mga
mambabasa — bagay na kailangan
natin lalo na sa panahong ito.
Hindi lamang ito basta nakasaad
sa yearbook na limitado lamang
ang maaaring makakita at sasama
sa pagkupas ng mga larawan,
bagkus ay umagaw pa ng pansin
ng libu-libong tao sa sinapupunan
ko na maaaring nababalot ngayon
ng takot at pangamba dahil sa
kasalukuyang pandemya.

Magpatuloy 'pagkat
ang mga tuldok ay hindi pa ang
dulo — nangangahulugan ito ng
panibagong simula. Ang birtuwal
na pagtatapos na ito ay hindi ang
huling pagtatapos. Naniniwala
akong sa susunod pang mga taon
ay ibang kwento na naman ang
ihahain sa akin.

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ANG PAGSAGOT NI STUDENT JUAN SA PAMBANSANG EXAM



JAYSON OCAMPO AT ASHLEY PANGILINAN

PABATID: ANG PABATID-BALITANG ITO AY NAGLALAYONG ABISUHAN LAHAT NG MAG-AARAL MULA 18 ANYOS PATAAS NA MAGHANDA PARA SA ISANG PAGSUSULIT. MARAPAT LAMANG NA MAG-IPON NG SAPAT NA KAALAMAN BAGO ANG ITATAKDANG ARAW NG EKSAMINASYON. MARAMING SALAMAT PO!

Ikaw ngayon ay haharap sa isang pagsusulit. Isang pagsusulit na hindi malalagpasan ng sinuman sa pamamagitan lamang ng bilis ng mata sa

paghagilap ng sagot at paglaktak ng sandamakmak na mani. Ito ay exam na dapat mong pag-isipan ‘pagkat hindi ang iyong grado kundi ang kinabukasan ng taong bayan ang nakabingit mula sa pagbagsak.

Bago dumating ang araw ng pambansang exam, ano kaya ang maaaring mong gawin upang hindi ka kakamot-kamot ng ulo? Marahil ay isa sa pinakaepektibong paraan upang hindi ka maligwak sa pagsusulit ay ang pagbabalik-aral. Narito ang mga buod at punto na sasagip sa’yo mula sa pagkaligwak, kaya’t ilabas mo na ang iyong panulat at kwaderno at ating nang pagsaluhan ang araling baon ko.

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Ikaw, bilang estudyante ay may makapangyarihang kamay na kayang pangalanan ang susunod na hahawak sa kinabukasan ng Pilipinas. Bawat patak ng tinta na iyong gugugulin ay tila gintong hindi kailanman dapat ipatak sa lupa’t sayangin. Kaya naman dapat mong pigain ang iyong utak upang makatas ang pinakatamang sagot mula sa pagpipilian.”

UNIT I: MGA KATANGIANG DATAP TAGLAYIN NG ISANG LIDER

Ikaw, bilang estudyante ay may makapangyarihang kamay na kayang pangalanan ang susunod na hahawak sa kinabukasan ng Pilipinas. Bawat patak ng tinta na iyong gugugulin ay tila gintong hindi kailanman dapat ipatak sa lupa’t sayangin. Kaya naman dapat mong pigain ang iyong utak upang makatas ang pinakatamang sagot mula sa pagpipilian. Sa puntong ito, talo ang manghuhula’t pabida sa pagsagot niyang napakabilis. Sa madaling salita: Ini Mini Mayni Mo, sino ang sisira sa kinabukasan ko!

Unang punto: Karunungan. Bilang isang estudyante, dapat ay alam mo ang kahalagahan ng may sapat na sandata sa aspetong kaisipan. Ang isang pinunong may sapat na kaalaman at talas ng isip ay may kakayahang bumuo ng



konkreto ng plano sa pagpapalunlad ng pamayanan. Ang talino nito ang hahatak at magliligtas sa atin mula sa pagbagsak.

Ikalawa: Malasakit. Ang isang lider ay marapat na taglayin ang mabuting puso. Hindi sapat ang utak upang paganahin ang isang makina, dapat ay mayroong pag-iingat sa bawat piyesang upang maging produktibo sa mas mahabang panahon. Bilang isang pinuno, dapat nating isaalang-alang ang kapakanan ng bawat miyembro ng kanyang nasasakupan. Hindi lamang ang mga nakatatasa ang may ginagampanang papel sa pag-unlad ng pamayanan, kundi lahat tayo.

Huling punto: Salita, Hindi ngawa! Sa panahon ng kampanya, maraming tao ang nagsasabog ng mabubulaklak na mga salita sa pagtatangkang pagkuha sa simpatya ng masa. Sa pagpili ng mga nagnanais na humawak sa kinabukasan ng lipunan, dapat na alamin kung anu-ano na ang mga naging ambag ng mga ito. Nasa sa atin ang desisyon kung magagawa ang kanilang nginangawa o mapapako ang kanilang mga ipinapangako.

Ayon nga sa isang mag-aaral mula sa BSED 4 ay “Ang pamantayan ng aking boto ay nakadepende sa mga nagawang mga plataporma, mga kasanayan, pagkatao, at alignment ng napagtapusan na kurso ng isang kandidato. Kung ito ba ay may sinseridad para gumawa ng pagbabago para sa pag-asenso ng ating bansa.”

UNIT II: MGA DAPAT IWASAN NG ISANG MAMBOBOTO

Kung mayroong magandang katangian, syempre hindi mawawala ang pangit. Halika’t babahagian kita ng aking istrategiya upang iyong maelimina ang mga hindi nararapat sa iyong pagpipilian. Kadalasang teknik kapag nahihirapang pumili ng tamang sagot ay unahing kilatisin ang mga panggulo upang mackisan na agad. Narito ang ilan sa mga katangian ng mga maling sagot:

Puro paganda’t papogi: Sila ang mga nakahuhumaling na mukha sa tarpulin, TV at social media na madaling makahakot ng boto. Ang ilan sa kanila ay artista. Subalit may mga kandidatong sa likod ng kanilang mabentang mukha ay ang kawalan ng kakayahang mamuno. Tandaan mo na ang pagpili ng lider ng bayan ay hindi pagpili ng lakambini at lakan. Hindi porke’t pogi o maganda, may K nang mamuno!

Bahag ang buntot. Sila ang mga kumakahol pero hindi marunong mangagat at paatras ang takbo. Ang isang lider ay dapat may tapang na ipagtanggol ang kanyang nasasakupan, subalit hindi kailangan ng dahas upang maging matapang. Kung nanginginig ang kanyang tuhod at walang tigas ang tindig ng kanyang paninindigan, siya’y magiging tuta lamang ng mga pwersang kokontrol sa kanya.

Buwaya. Sila ang mga ginagawang negosyo ang pulitika. Mamumuhunan ng malaki sa pagtakbo dahil mas malaki naman ang makakabig kapag nakaupo na sa trono. Mga mandarambong na takot magpakapa ng bulsa dahil nandoon ang mga nakulimbat nilang kaban ng bayan. Tandaan mo na ang ating gobyerno ay isang maruming ilog na pinagbababaran ng mga buwaya na dapat tanggalin.

UNIT III: MAKARAAN NG ELEKSYON 2016: ANG KASALUKUYANG ADMINISTRASYON

Nagbigay naman ng opinyon ang isang mag-aaral ng dalubhasaan na si Janferson Talusan ukol dito. “Para sa akin, tunay na napaka-importante ng boto ko, importante ang boto ng bawat isa. Upang sa gayon ay sa umpisa pa lang mamulat na tayong lahat sa mali at tamang sistema ang mga kandidato. Dahil kung manalo ang hindi karapat-dapat na manalo, tayong mga nasasakupan nito ang tunay na talo. Kaya dapat na mabilang ang boto ng bawat isa sa tamang tao.”

Alam mo ba na sa loob ng humigit-kumulang limang taon, nagawa ng Pilipinas na umangat dahil sa pamamalakad ni Pangulong Digong? Mula sa pagpapalago ng agrikultural na sektor hanggang sa pagpapanatili ng kapayapaan sa pagitan ng gobyerno at mga rebelde. Siyang tunay, hindi maipagkakailang mahalaga ang ginampanan nitong papel! Ayon sa Philstar.com, noong Hunyo 2020 ay pumalo sa walumpung porsyento ang approval rating ng administrasyon. Ayaw mong maniwala? Halika’t tabihan mo ako, iisa-isahin ko sa iyo ang kontribusyon ng pamamalakad ni Du30 sa bansa. Kaya’t hinihingi ko ang iyong pang-unawa’t makinig ka nang mabuti.

Sa tulong ng magandang pamamalakad ng Kagawaran ng Pinansya, Bangko Sentral, at NEDA, tila agilang umalagwa sa himpapawid ang ating ekonomiya. Sa katunayan bago ang paglaganap ng pandemya, itinuturing na matatag ang ating sistemang pinansyal at maihahambing sa mga bansang UAE, Malaysia, at Espanya (Masigan, 2020). Ayon pa rito, umunlad ang ekonomiya ng 6.6% mula taong 2016 hanggang 2019! Ikalawa ay ang pag-abandona sa Government to Government (G2G) rice importation, bilang suporta sa mga lokal na magsasaka. Hindi ka ba nagtataka’t hindi mo na naririnig ang reklamo ng iyong ina kung gaano kamahal ang bigas?

Nilagdaan din ng pangulo ang Republic Act No. 11054 o Bangsamoro Organic Law noong Hulyo 26, 2020 at Republic Act 10963 o Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN). Maganda ang naging dulot ng paglagda sa RA 11054, sapagkat ito’y naging daan sa pagkakatatag ng Bangsamoro Autonomous Region. Ito ang isa sa naging dahilan upang humupa ang matagal nang namamayaning tensiyon sa pagitan ng pamahalaan

at mga rebelde. Samantala ang RA 10963 ang nagpababa sa buwis ng mga personal income and estates. Hindi rin mawawala malawakang tugon kontra sa paglaganap ng COVID-19 sa pamamagitan ng pagpapatupad ng mga polisiya at pamamahagi ng ayuda.

Bagamat patuloy ang pag-arangkada ng kasalukuyang gobyerno at pagtamasa ng mga papuri, maraming usapin ang umusbong na siyang dumungis sa tiwala ng lipunan. Kabi-kabilang batikos at apela ang lumutang upang kuwestiyunin ang mga naging hakbang ng pamahalaan na siyang nagpababa sa kalidad ng pamumuhay ng nakararami at paglabag sa karapatang pantao. Muli nating balikan ang mga hakbang na isinagawa ng administrasyong Du30 na pinagmulan ng bulong-bulongan at kuro-kuro na talaga namang nakakarinding nang marinig.



Sino ba namang makalilimot sa kampanya kontra-droga na siyang nagbigay hudyat sa awtoridad upang supilin ang mga taong lulong sa mga ipinagbabawal na gamot sa hindi makataong pamamaraan. Ayon sa Drugarchive PH, umabot sa 5,021 indibidwal ang napaslang ayon sa estimasyon. Maganda na rin sana na pinapaunlad nila ang sektor ng agrikultura, ngunit karamihan ng aksyon at atensyon ng gobyerno ay nakatuon lamang sa mga palayan. Ikatlo, ang paglagda sa Republic Act 11479 o Anti-Terrorism Bill na maaaring tuluyang magsara ng pintuan sa ideya ng press freedom. Ikalima, Pagpirma sa Republic Act 10963 o Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) na naging dahilan upang sumipa ang buwis para sa mga pinagmumulan ng passive incomes tulad ng sigarilyo. Pero ano, may epekto ba? Tumigil na ba ang tatay mo sa paninigarilyo? Hindi, dagdag gastos pa! Huli, ang hindi pagpapakita ng agarang aksyon at responde sa lumalawak na usaping pang teritoryo sa West Philippine Sea laban sa Tsina.

O siya, dito na nagtatapos ang aking pagbabahagi ng leksyon. Ngayong iyo nang nauunawaan ang mga aralin, mabuting ikondisyon ang iyong pag-iisip at maglaan ng oras upang pagmuni-munihan kung sino nga ba ang mga karapat-dapat. Iyong pakatandaan na mahalaga sa exam ang sumunod sa panuto. Huwag kalimutang no erasures! Hindi mo na mababawi pa ang iyong ipinasa. Hangga't maaari, dapat tama at sigurado ang bawat sagot lalo na kapag balota na ang hawak na test paper.

Ang huli ay siguraduhing rehistrado o magparehistro upang magamit ang kapangyarihan ng pagboto. Bilang isang estudyanteng pinagyayaman, malaki ang papel mo sa pagbuo ng kolektibong tamang desisyon para sa kapakanan ng bayan.

“Nakaaapekto sa pagboto ko ang pagiging estudyante dahil may mga hangarin na gusto kong makita sa mga kandidato na alam kong makatutulong sa sektor na kinabibilangan ko.” – Christian Jay D.G. Porciuncula (BSBA 4).



01/15/1964

 EDUARDO ARNIDO NABOR

Dreaming to get power from the Goddess of stars - a black goat wants to fly. Ascending from Earth to collect power from stars. She didn't know that she's smaller than any other stars. She continue her journey in the sky, but ended up in a black hole where there's no time. Like her greediness over power and wealth - she ended up in jail where her clock is ticking.

*Initials: JN

01/06/1812

 EDUARDO ARNIDO NABOR

Destined to be born under the constellation of Capricorn, she's our Persephone. She's standing firm like a bamboo that's growing, and reaching for the stars to bring light in the dark heaven. Bringing the fire to ignite the Katipunan under the darkest sky of night, she built a cave for everyone that's dreaming - helping everyone to sleep and wake up on a peaceful summer morning. Like Persephone, she sacrificed herself and brought hope to everyone to fight for freedom, against underworld of alien sovereignty.

*Initials: MA

 RALPH DENEIL MANGALINO

02/13/1957

 MARK JOSHUA SUNGA

Too much desire is incendiary
—it may be stifling.
It slays, whacks
and is always numbing.

Such an entity like you bring ill
fate
from the mightiest star, descend at
your truest state.
Pity others and slay malevolence
for the humanity's long term
beneficence.

*Initials: FD

02/09/1999

 MARK JOSHUA SUNGA

The ethereal rights have been exorcised.
Age-old unanswered truth still denied;
still, the moonstruck warrior persists to assault,
the hope of the land where unjust foes hide.

Having the ability of writing to expose,
fighting with dignity using phrases and prose,
protest with mental clarity defying unwanted
throes.
Spurred the wounded to rise from the dirt
—she is a decent deviant and an activist of the new-
Earth.

*Initials: FMC

 ELISEO DELA CRUZ

03/06/1953

 HORIZONE

Thou shall I make sacrifices for thee,
and be the hero I shall be;
but, thou shan't ever say thee are in debts,
because your debts I ought to collect.

*Initials: RM

 VICTOR JHON DIONISIO

02/23/1961

 HORIZONE

Hindi na ba dapat pang hinahanap ang mga nawawala?
Tanging ang naghihintay na lamang ba ang makararating?
Ang mga kumikilos na nga lamang ba ang magkakaroon?
Sino ang makikita sa oras na kailangan mong luminingon?

Ngunit, ang mga nawawala'y hahanapin ko't ibabalik,
buhay man ito o nakalutang ng patiwariik.
Ang naghihintay ng kay tagal ay dapat nang ihatid upang sa daan ay hindi mapatid.
Umurong ka man o sumulong, ang dapat na sa iyo ay siyang maparoroon.
At sa oras na ikaw ay luminingon, makikita mo ako dito man o roon.

*Initials: CD

03/28/1945

 JAYSON OCAMPO

Nangahas lumaktaw ng ilang baitang sa hagdan
—alkaldeng nakapanik ng presidente sa isang hakbang.
Mula noon, kan'yang ginawang alak ang kapangyarihan,
nagpakalulong kaya lasing tuwing mag-uulat sa bayan.
Anim na taon siyang pinakamataas ang tagay sa inuman
—buhay ng mga Pilipino ang ginawang pulutan.

*Initials: RD



03/22/1863

 JAYSON OCAMPO

Sa panahong karit sa leeg ang humawak ng panulat,
upang gagamiting pangtungkab ng mga talukap,
hindi pa rin natulog ang kan'yang tinta nang makapagpamulat.

Sa likod ang sagisag-panulat na Maning,
Kalipulako, at Tigbalang,
isang binhi ng katapangang tubong Baliuag,
Bulacan
—kasamang umukit ng letra sa mapaghimagsik na pahayagan.

*Initials: MP

 ANTONETTE DELOS SANTOS

05/08/1965

 PRINCE HYUN CASTILLO

Minsang pinagkaitan.
Nalihis na ng daan.
'Di ikaw ang pintuan,
h'wag mo akong pagsarhan.

*Initials: DS

04/23/1949

 PRINCE HYUN CASTILLO

Buto'y ibungkal,
itanim at magpagal,
ani'y tagumpay.

*Initials: RE

 BABYLYN GOCHANGCO

05/31/1978

 PRINCESSYTEE

Cruelty; the world back and forth.
Duality; the trait of this sort.
Breathing to impress others,
reality seems none of matter.
Nothing beats the proclaimed confidence.
Good at twisting realities, hence,
mustn't an overly clever leader,
shan't come after the father.
Seeing that its head has two face,
unanticipated in its pace,
could've gotten from the root's negligence;
veiled with impatience and all the impotence.

*Initials: SD

 ERLIE DAWN LATUJA

06/17/1989

 PRINCESSYTEE

Act of service is the love language
of this man with admirable eloquence
who rather chooses peace than violence.

Both metaphorically and literally;
an Iron Man dressed with plain shirt
and pants who fights against injustices.

Young, wild and free?
Young in terms of age, yes.
Inexperienced than the rest? Yes;
but, with a wild heart and free will to serve people
at his best
- that's his superpower covered with charming vest.
An intimidating intellectual person, indeed;
but, who wouldn't love him from all his superb
deeds?

*Initials: VS

07/29/1950

 MELANIE HIZON

He was a shadow puppet I spotted,
maneuver by the highest marionette.
Tasked to kill Cebu in wake of Manila,
taking advantage of the medical dilemma.
While Filipinos are penniless and dying
poor,
locked at home without getting paid a
penny;
the puppeteers whacked them with white
sand dolomites,
throwing millions of cents while the
meagers were left begging.

*Initials: RC

07/15/1945

 MELANIE HIZON

Outspoken;
when others hold one's tongue,
she spoke of her language of truth
that merely stung foes.
Courageous and feisty;
fighting against corruption,
while others bow down to power.
Devoted;
a defender of our sovereignty,
an ally, never an enemy.

Who would have thought she's a woman?
A pillar our country had lost.

*Initials: MDS

 ERLIE DAWN LATUJA

07/29/1950

 CHARLES SULIT

Sa ilalalim ng magkakawangis na
liwasan at tahanan,
sa pasikot-sikot, binuling at
sementadong daan,
nakahantong ang dating mayabong
na kalupaan na minsang
naging pag-asa ng mga magsasaka
upang makaahon sa kapighatian.

Itong minsang pinagkakakitaan ng
mga mamamayan,
ay isa na sa mga pamuhatan ng
isang ganid na nilalang.

*Initials: CV

07/23/1864

 CHARLES SULIT

“Di ka man maihatid sa kadulo-duluhan,
maalalayan sa iyong mga hakbang,
ipapakita ko naman sayo ang mga daan,
at kung ano ang tamang takbuhan.

Kaya lagi mong tatandaan,
itong mga naiwan sa saklaw ng upuan,
sa rehas ng saklay, siklo ng kapansanan, makalaya
ka lang.

*Initials: AM

 RALPH DENEIL MANGALINO

09/11/1917

 VICTORIA CURA

Sandamakmak ang kayang ilahad at ilathala tungkol sa panunungkulang hindi mo mawari kung kulang-kulang ba o pinagpala. Matayog lumipad ang agilang sumisimbolo sa bansang tulad ng Pilipinas noong trono'y inuokupa n'ya. Hindi ka magugulumihan; sapagkat, sa merkado'y dama ang lakas ng pag-unlad. Piso katumbas ay dolyar at ang mga presyo'y 'di makabutas-bulsa. Saan ka man tumingin sandamukal na establisimento't imprastraktura ang naipagawa't pinakikinabangan ng madla.

Subalit, paano nga ba malalaman ang kabutihan kung walang kasamaan? Ang liwanag kung walang dilim? Ang tama kung walang mali? Kasabay ng kan'yang pag-upo ay ang pagdanak ng dugo at paghihikahos; kung saan ang paglaban ay pagtiwalag, kung saan ang pag-aaklas ay ang kamatayan. Pagsasara, pagbabawal, paghihigpit, lahat ay nagawa hanggang ang baya'y magipit. Sa huli, natapos ang paghahari sa pagsasama-sama at pagkakapit-bisig ng mga nais lumaya sa mapagkubling gulapa.

*Initials: FM

09/03/1968

 VICTORIA CURA

Konektado. Sa iisang linya, nakasunod siya sa nauna. Tanaw-tanaw ang bansa, sa murang edad ay mulat sa realidad ng inog ng mundo. Bakas ang paghanga sa naunang namuno, kaya sa yapak nito'y siya'y sumunod. Winakasan lahat ng dating pananaw tungkol sa limitadong kakayahan ng mga kababaihan. Ang tulad niya'y kailanma'y hindi mo matatawag na mahina't mangmang, dahil sa unos na hinagupit ng buhay, nilagpasan nang taas noo't matapang. Ehempro, halimbawa, modelo -

 ELISEO DELA CRUZ

10/21/1966

 RAND CRISTIAN HAGAD

An advocate of equity, defender of the oppressed - this is how he should be; yet, malpractices have been possessed.

The ones who used to be a protector, abruptly, transpired as a perpetrator. He, who ought to speak for the masses,

now pointing his finger to create damages.

An educator failed to acquire proper education.
A legal practitioner romanticizing unlawful action.
A politician manifesting corruption.
He does not deserve any position.

*Initials: HR

 BABYLYN GOCHANGCO


iyang ang tawag sa tuwid niyang
pamamayagpag sa kan'yang
larang.

Puno man ng batikos at pagpuna
sa kakayahang kan'yang
tinataglay, patuloy siya sa
paglalakbay. Tungo sa malaya't
makabuluhang buhay na nais
niyang iparanas sa bawat
mamamayan. Hindi man siya
kasing sikat o kilala ng lahat,
katulad ng nauna, siya'y may
yapak na karapat-dapat sundan at
parisan.

*Initials: GP

10/11/1942

 DEUS EX MACHINA

Ginamit niya ang mukha mo.
Sinuot niya ang saplot mo.
Tuwing ilalahad mo ang kamay mo,
ilalahad din niya ang sa kaniya;
ngunit, ang hangad mo ay ilang sentimo,
ang kanya naman ay simpatya.

Ngunit, hindi ka ba nagtatanong?
Sino ang naglagay sa iyo sa ganitong sitwasyon?
Ang tadhana ba, o baka naman mga mandarambong
na ginagamit ang iyong mukha upang maupo sa
posisyon?


Sa oras na may maghulog ng barya sa iyong lata,
maiisip mo na baka mayroon pang pag-asa.
Sa oras na may maghulog ng balota na may ngalan
niya,
maiisip niyang may nalinlang na naman siya.

*Initials: JB

 ANTONETTE DELOS SANTOS



10/29/1866

 DEUS EX MACHINA

Heroes are called upon,
amongst the people of an oppressed land.
He was not born a general,
nor was made and kindled.
He was shock into the bones
when we were robbed of what we trully own.

Heroes are not born nor made,
they are battered citizens awakened
-willing to face death to make way for life,
willing to abandon hope to bring forth light.

*Initials: AL

10/18/1989

 RAND CRISTIAN HAGAD

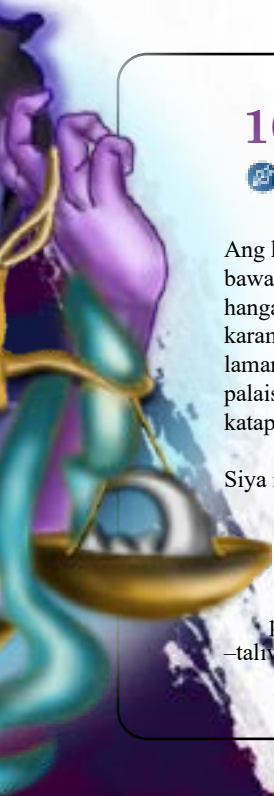
Ang kaguluhan ay patuloy pa rin,
bawat isa'y may kanya-kanyang
hangarin,
karamihan nais ang kapwa'y
lamangan,
palaisipan kung kailan ang
katapusan.

Siya ngayon ay muling
nagbabalik,
ipagpapatuloy ang
paghihimagsik,
isusulong ang
pagkakapantay-pantay
—talnivas sa nakagisnang puro

pagpatay.

Ang muling pagsilang ni Gabriela
Silang,
na isa sa lumaban noon para sa
mga Pilipino
—isang sensyales na dapat ng
tuldukan ang pagpaslang,
upang ang lahat ay magkaisa at
bansa'y maging buo.

*Initials: SJE



12/17/1978

 RAND CRISTIAN HAGAD

Maging siya'y hindi tiyak kung
saan paroroon o saan dadalhin ng
palasong pinakawalan buhat sa
pising dahan-dahang binatak at
binitawan.

Diretso, subalit baliko ang napiling
prinsipyo.

Animo'y mas napapaibabawan ang
saradong aspetong kognetibo sa
talas yaring kan'yang kamao.
Hanggang saan ba tayo dadalhin

ng makasariling pananaw at
walang kasiguraduhan?

Iniangat ang bandera ng
sambayanan sa pandaigdigang
pagkilala't palakpakan;
subalit, nang humalik ang itim na
likido sa kanilang daliri, wari'y
pagkakamaling siya'y napili
sapagkat siya'y kailanma'y hindi
makikinig, patuloy na dadantay

sa maling perspektibo't tatayo sa
isang nakatingkayad na paa.
Kailan nga ba iilaw ang pundidong
bumbilya sa ulo?

Para sa tunay na tanglaw sa
karimlan, hindi lamang para sa
pansilaw sa iba — hiling hindi
sana kasikatan ngunit tunay na
pagbabago.

*Initials: MP


 VICTOR JHON DIONISIO

12/09/1974

 RAND CRISTIAN HAGAD

Sa daan-daang klase ng bulaklak
sa parang,
pili lang ang nalilok sa rikit ng
katapangan,
tulad nitong ligaw na bulaklak sa
gitna makapal na kama ng hardin
— sadyang nakapupukaw,
siyang kailanma'y hindi
nagpapalalamon sa daga sa
dibdib kahit sa gitna ng gabing
mapanglaw.

Kapilas siya ng lotus na
mamumukadkad sa kabila ng dumi
nitong pook,
maging sa kamay ng gahamang
hayok sa pagbabago
-kayang bumukadkad ng mga
talulot.

Animo'y isa ring rosas na
napalilibutan ng tinik, kahali-
halina't mapanganib kung basta-
bastang kakantiin.

Siya ay ligaw na bulaklak, dayo
ngunit kayang mabuhay sa alin
mang uri ng lupa.

Kaisa-isang bulaklak na hindi
kailangan ng kalinga o alaga,
patuloy siyang tatayo't uusbong
anumang topograpiya't klima.

*Initials: SG

THE *Mandella Effect*



DEUS EX MACHINA

The other street was deserted,
while the other one was crowded.
Their voices were muffled, maybe
that's why they were never heard.

They remembered its taste as
something sweet, while some
have mouthpiece stuck between
their lips. Ambrosia is what they
offered to them—to the gods
and goddesses who hoarded their
gems.

For every drop of crimson red,
there's a white rose untainted, laid
on the concrete road where they
were trampled and maybe even
long forgotten.

The dead can tell no tale; but,
their extinguished existence alone
should be able to tell, which one is
the Mandella effect—what to trust
and what to suspect.



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On His Descend



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The beginning of an end has started.

The final State of the Nation Address of the 16th president of the Philippines, Rodrigo Roa Duterte happened yesterday, July 26, 2021. According to the Official Gazette, the purpose of SONA is for the president to report on the status of the country, unveil the government's agenda for the coming year, and proposes to Congress certain legislative measures. But in his nearly 3-hour-long speech, did he address the urgent issues that need to be addressed? Did he even see these things as urgent or he is taking his precious time to put us all in suffering?

With more than a year of being locked at home and trying to be compliant to the available mode of education, students are waiting for the government's plan to take at least a step forward to save the education system. In his speech, he only said that they were "determined to deliver quality and accessible education despite inability to conduct face-to-face classes", but never mentioned

any tangible plans of moving forward, away from the so-called and therefore, ineffective flexible learning. This statement of Duterte is a slap to all the teachers and students who grapple against the ill education system we have at present. The amplified call for #LigtasNaBalikEskwela has not been considered, and was never an option for the government.

It seems like the Duterte administration view 'flexible learning' as a saving grace while it continuously burdened the students. His continuous reckless decisions and indifference towards the future of education and of the youth has now resulted to escalating death cases due to anxiety and depression, increasing number of drop out students and decreasing number of enrollees, infirm workforce in the future, incompetent students and utmost, jeopardizing quality education. The administration's ignorance and unacceptance to the fact that the new normal set-up of education is a failure, is the main reason why this concern remains unsettled.

Education is a right that

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Education is a right that every youth must be enjoying, and the new normal education that the administration continuously injects as the new system opposed it. Not only it is an ineffective learning system, but also an anti-poor which is not accessible by those who have no resources.

every youth must be enjoying, and the new normal education that the administration continuously injects as the new system opposed it. Not only it is an ineffective learning system, but also an anti-poor which is not accessible by those who have no resources.

The new academic year is approaching, which means that the government will renew another year of ill education system. The fight of the youth for safe accessible quality education we deserve is long enough, but never cease because it must be heard.

As long as there is no concrete plan to ease the pandemic, quality education will remain at risk. Putting the education sector at the end of the government's priority lists enrage the youth in decrying true quality and accessible education. As Duterte's government continue to uphold failed response to social issues that the country is facing, all those who stood up with dissent will amplify the call to end this administration.

The suppression to the ceaseless discomfort of the Filipino people is about to subside.

Withhold Privilege



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Bulacan Agricultural State College aims to develop preparedness among youth and their involvement in nation building through engaging them in community service and training they offered, but pursuing it without aiding the lapses will never lead us close to this vision.

Republic Act No. 9163 of 2001, or otherwise known as “An act establishing the National Service Training Program (NSTP) for Tertiary level students”, requires college students to complete one (1) of the NSTP components as requisite for graduation. The law provides three components which students can choose from, such as Reserve Training Corps (ROTC), Literacy Training Service (LTC) and Civic Welfare Training Service (CWTS). Among the aforementioned components, Bulacan Agricultural State College offers two. It provides training to be a better citizen, but being a considerate and good person does not need to be studied.

In spite of the fact that it is a necessity for every college student to take NSTP as stated in the law, BASC provides exceptions for members of cultural organizations, as they are

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tasked to perform during events and utmost, represent our school in different competitions. They provide prerogative taking into consideration that the training of cultural members and NSTP classes are both on Saturdays. The only requirement that the cultural members must provide is their attendance to be submitted to the NSTP advisers, to serve as a proof that they are attending their training.

In every academic discussion, it is not only the students who should be responsible, but also the teachers. Cultural members attended their series of training, and submitted their attendances to the concerned office, which makes them qualified to pass. However, is this privilege duly imposed, when some cultural members of the graduating class

of this academic year still need to add and take NSTP on their current units to be qualified for their graduation, only because their attendance were misplaced or lost?

BASC-ROTC claimed that some cultural members' names do not appear on the list of officially enrolled students under the said program, which was rebutted by the students through showing the enrollment slip proving that they enrolled on that semester. They even blame the students for not submitting their attendance, even though it was passed ahead of time.

Negligence of duties and responsibilities of some teachers and other officials that leads to inconvenience and suffering to the cultural member-students should not be tolerated. They, who exerted efforts and dedication to their respective cultural groups to bring honor and distinction to our school, was only given a failing grade that merely dishonors their efforts in elating the name of our school.

As NSTP aims to produce responsible citizens, it contradicts the irresponsible act of some so-called professionals who lost track of the records they are

a custodian of. They are tasked to produce better citizens and responsible individuals, yet it does not manifest in their behavior. As a result of not admitting their mistakes, they point fingers at students.

It is indeed unfair that the students are the ones who suffer, because they have power. And since it is a requirement for graduation, most of the students choose to not speak up for their rights, they just followed the instructions which is honestly incorrect considering that this is not their fault. Students must not suffer from higher-up's inadequacy.

Therefore, BASC-NSTP should take small steps to polish their management before taking a big leap. Despite how eager we are to achieve our goals, always remember that no training and seminars could teach us to act humane.

The college strives to produce responsible nation-builders, however, if BASC-NSTP continues impunity, it will never materialize in action. May this wrong system and deficiency be corrected and supplement first to create a better nation not only an individual who builds the nation.

Uncalled Outburst



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The weight of unimaginable responsibilities during this back-breaking time of hapless medical uncertainty was carried by the medical personnels, yet the palace's speaker plucked up courage to speak utter disrespect directed to the front liners.

A possible solution could have been in the grasp of the government's hand, but the opportunity slipped off when one of them refused to accept the needed help. Needless to say, this attitude towards the request is a great example of how those who are above us cannot get a hold of a single vial of criticism, as they take everything to heart and let the point fly above their head.

Last September 7, when the Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque gathered up enough courage of throwing a fit in an Inter Agency Task Force on the Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) Zoom meeting, and losing not only his temper but all the respect that the front liners have for him. Based on the video that surfaced around social media, Roque was seen scolding Dra. Maricar Limpin of Philippine College of Physicians after she asked the palace to refrain from lifting quarantine restrictions as it may cause another spike in the number of COVID-19 cases in the country.

With his harsh remarks, he brought up a past argument when he said: "Are you saying that only medical frontliners are

concerned about the health of the people? We all want to save lives. For crying out loud, no one in the government wants a single life lost. No one! How dare you think that we are not considering steps to prevent the loss of lives?"

He lashed out while pointing his finger in the small corners of his camera. His words reflect the view of the palace as a group of people who hold grudges to those who criticize them, but as a professional and a mouthpiece of the palace, he should have known better on how to handle criticism. Childish acts from a professional is not acceptable especially if it came from the mouth of a spokesperson.

Moreover, he also added that the government cared for its countrymen. Between the lines "We all want to save lives" and "No one in the government wants a single life lost", which shows a different reflection from the current situation of the country.

Frontliners asking for a concrete plan and response from the government, them lacking equipment and rooms to cater the needs of the miserable patients and the latest sudden rise of COVID-19 cases, reaching up to 22,820 cases as of September 9. Making it the highest number of daily record cases since the start of the pandemic, these were only the few results of the government's failing response.

If the palace people truly cared for its people, such a

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number of positive cases could have been decreased and managed properly. Instead of finding a way to prevent the spread of the virus, they only formulate new variants of lockdown that, at this point, are confusing for many. Those frontliners who tried so hard to cater the patients were not given enough credit for their job, instead they were scolded and shamed; overworked, yet underpaid.

Unsympathetic words like that travel fast and reach people who stand up for those who want to be heard. Dra. Leni Jara of Solidarity of Health Advocates and Personnel for a United Plan to Defeat COVID-19 (SHAPE UP) Group, called out Roque for being "Bastos" (disrespectful) and he should apologize because he went overboard. Vice President of the Philippines, Leni Robredo also

shared her disbelief with Roque's statement. She said that he has no rights, at all, to raise his voice to the people who sacrifice their lives to save lots of our fellow countrymen.

Roque's jarring words were taken seriously by the professionals, because he speaks for the palace, and a spokesman who speaks ill to the public brought a bad image for the palace, even Dra. Limpin asked: "If Roque can do this to us (Doctors), what more to other people." pointing out how he can easily raise his voice to anyone.

His acts were the representation of the palace's viewpoint. And him, throwing a tantrum like a child in front of the professionals is not a good sight for the whole country. Knowing how the government tried and failed to stop the spread of the virus, the least he could do is to listen to the medical professionals and relay the suggestion to his boss—the President.

At the end of the day, it's the frontliners who risked and still putting their lives on the line to keep the country from losing more of its people. But their hard work was only paid with an unpleasant disarray of words from the mouth of the spokesman, his disrespectful act is reflecting the lack of concrete plans from the government, failed response to the country's situation and increasing number of underpaid yet overworked frontliners.

Whack Complete Sham: Circle Back at the Campaign Promise



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Amid the 2016 elections, discourse about ending the contractualization of Filipino workers have begun as a highly spoken part of President Duterte's campaign to end the exploitive contracting practice in the country. In his 2018 SONA, President Duterte urged the Congress to pass the Anti-Endo Bill, which became into mere visions of the hopeful contractual workers as Duterte vetoed the proposed legislation seeking to ensure job security in 2019 after certifying it as urgent, arguing that the bill would make it hard for the capitalists.

Endo is a Filipino term for the phrase "end of contract" where workers are hired for not more than five months; hence, employers do not have to regularize them after six months as mandated by the Labor Code; which takes down all the benefits granted by the law to the regular employees.

In Monday, July 26, 2021 was the sixth and last State of the Nation Address (SONA) of the reigning Philippine President Rodrigo R. Duterte, and he seemed to forget his detestation in contractualization when he did not mention it as he asked the Congress to amend several laws like Foreign Investments Act, Public Service Act, and Retail Trade Liberalization Act as laws,

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making Anti-Endo Bill far from his priority in the last year of his term.

The seemingly blaming game already began ahead of the SONA when Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III remarked that he wrote to ask the President to certify the end-of-contract measure as urgent anew, denying the claim of the Presidential Adviser for Political Affairs Jacinto Paras that the bill ceased to be Duterte administration's priority.

"We continue to appeal to Congress to pass this anti-endo law as the term of the President ends," Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque said in a briefing.

"Inaccuracy galore! A certain exec is asking Congress to pass Anti Endo bill! Huh? WE DID! President vetoed it July 26, 2019! SB 1826 of the 18th Congress is about the Province of Rizal! Balakayojan!" Senator Sotto on Twitter, July 20.

Yesterday in press briefing in Zambales, Roque said that Anti-Endo Bill was not mentioned in President Duterte's SONA because "it continues to be a promise". He stated further that the administration will continue to work with the Congress to finalize the bill that would be acceptable to all stakeholders.

Throughout the course of all of the irreconcilable

statements about and regarding Anti-Endo Bill, the mere fact that this was not given emphasis in the SONA only proves that there are promises and vows that were not put into place by the administration aside from not ending the corruption in the government which also is one of the major campaigns of Duterte back in 2016.

If the government truly takes care of the nation, its people should come first before the capitalists who could support their campaign every election, because if so, they only show how opportunistic they could to solely aim the position without minding the Filipinos who root for their success and the country's progress.

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To the aspiring Philippine leaders, stop appealing to people's emotions just so you could be in the position with all the promises that later on becomes a complete sham.

Pananaw ng mga Estudyante sa Ligtas Na Balik Eskwela

“Sa panahon ngayon ay mas lalo’t higit na kailangan nating makapag-produce ng mga well-equipped professionals, pero kung patuloy na magiging tila anti-poor ang sistema ng edukasyon, mas marami pa ang mas pipiliing ilagay na lang ito sa dulo ng prayoridad dahil sa kakulangan sa mga kagamitan.”

— Christian M. Gonzales, BSEd English 3A

“Matinding burn out na rin naman ang nae-experience ko sa online class na ‘to at malamang sa malamang na hindi lang naman ako ang gano’n, extremely draining yet the learning and retention of the lessons are less minsan pa nga wala ih (at hindi ‘yon nakaka-proud at nakakatuwa)... Ligtas at may kalidad na edukasyon ang kailangan ng ating bansa, hindi ang new normals at kung ano pang ka-ek ekan ang ipinatutupad”

— Weyswew, IEAT

“Pabor ako sa isinusulong na ligtas na balik eskwela dahil isa ako sa mga estudyanteng dumadaing sa hirap na aking nararanasan sa online class. Unti-unti ring nawawala ang kalidad ng edukasyon, sapagkat para sa akin, hindi natututo nang maayos ang mga estudyante sa online class dahil more on self study talaga ang nangyayari.”

— Tracy

“Aminin natin, sobrang hirap ng ganitong set up...Ang tanging hiling ko lang ay sana mapagplanuhan ito ng mabuti at huwag maging padalos-dalos, tigilan na sanang gawing test rat ang mga estudyante. Tao tayo.”

— Ryū, FFHNAS Campus

“Hindi ako pabor patungkol sa isinusulong na #LigtasNaBalikEskwela sapagkat hindi pa rin napupukso ang kumakalat na COVID-19 sa buong mundo. Maaaring ito ay maging epektibo dahil mas makapakinig at makapagtatanong ng maayos ang mga estudyante, ngunit mas mahalaga ang kalusugan kaysa rito kahit sabihin na ligtas ay may posibilidad pa rin na kumalat at mahawaan ang bawat isa ng virus.”

— Alyas Petmalu, BSGE

“Kung pagbabasehan ang mga preparasyon na inihanda ng ating dalubhasaan (paglalagay ng mga hand washing stations, alcohol dispenser per offices at rooms, limitadong tao sa loob ng dalubhasaan at ang pagsunod sa mga health protocols), malaki ang posibilidad na tayo ay makabalik ng ligtas at walang pangamba sa ating pag-aaral.”

— Argie Bunlade, BSA Horticulture 4A

“Bilang isang estudyante, hindi ako pabor sa #LigtasNaBalikEskwela kasi para sa’kin hanggang may pandemya at COVID-19, o kung ano pa man na sakit ang nasa paligid. Hindi kailanman magiging ligtas lalo na maliit na porsyento pa lang sa mga tao ang nababakunahan.”

— Monica Parungao, BSBA 2B

“Sa kakayahang medikal ng Pilipinas, hindi nito kaya na suportahan ang ligtas na balik eskwela. Una, hirap ang bansa sa pagsasagawa ng mass vaccination, at kinakailangan munang mabakunahan ang mga mag-aaral at mga empleyado ng paaralan. Pangalawa, ang health protocols na ipinatutupad ng bansa ay hindi gano’n kaepektibo.”

— Jay-Mark Balane, BSHM 4B

“Karamihan sa atin ay nakararanas ng matinding stress at nauuwi sa depression. Kaya bilang estudyante nais kong maranasan muli ang dati nating sistema sa pag-aaral.”

— JM, BSGE 2A

“Hindi po ako pabor dito. Oo masasabi natin na mas maayos ang daloy ng kaalaman kung nasa eskwelahan ang mga mag-aaral ngunit mas higit na dapat isaalang-alang ang kaligtasan ng bawat isa. Masasabi nga natin na ikaw ay ligtas na nakaupo sa iyong silid-aralan ngunit paano ka makakasigurado na paglabas mo ng iyong mahal na dalubhasaan ay walang sakit na dadapo sa iyo?”

— UwuSAVAGE, BEEd-4A

“Kung malls at iba pang public area ay pinapayagan, dapat ganon din ang school.”

— John Kyle Dela Fuente, BSGE 1A

“Yes, i’m in favor with MODIFIED & SELECTIVE #LigtasNaBalikEskwela. Since COVID-19 has changed the world dynamics, traditional setting in school is inappropriate na. Dapat by phases and progressive ang pagbabalik eskwela at hindi abrupt, magko-collapse ang system n’yan sa mga adjustments.”

— Ella Rabanes Santos, DVM 2-A

“Pabor ako sa pagbubukas ng klase dahil saksi ako sa dobleng pasakit na dala ng online classes at modules sa pinansyal at mental na kapasidad ng mga mag-aaral, magulang at guro. Pabor ako dahil nangangamba akong maging kulang sa kaalaman at karanasan ang mga kabataan at magresulta sa mas mababang competence level sa ating henerasyon pagdating sa workforce. Pabor ako dahil masyado nang matagal ang pagpipilit ng lahat na tumalima sa sistemang hindi rin naman napaghandaan maging ng mga departamento.”

— Thracy Dafieltoto, BSEd English 1B

“Ako ay sumasang-ayon...Bilang isang mag-aaral na naglalayong maging isang inhinyero, mahirap matutunan ang lahat ng aralin sa online class. Lalo pa at may mga bagay at gawain kami na lubos na nangangailan ng atensyon at pisikal na pag-aaral.”

— Hazel Mae Policarpio, BSGE 2B

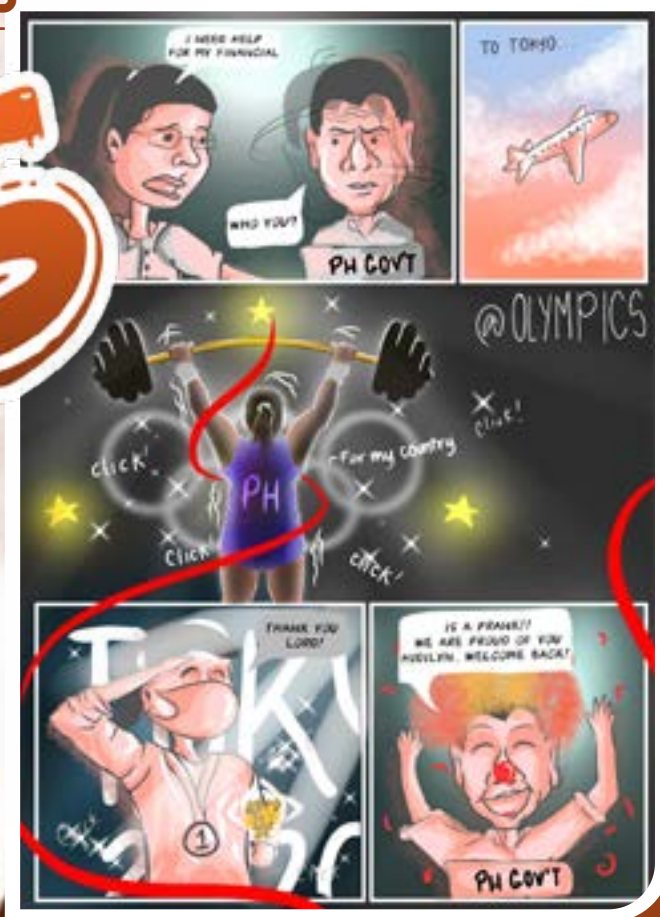
“opinion ko lang about dan is 50/50 talaga...Sobrang hirap mag-online class alam niyo naman ‘yun, pero kung mag FTF naman tayo mahihirapan din kasi may COVID pa rin.”

— TOYO, DVM 1B



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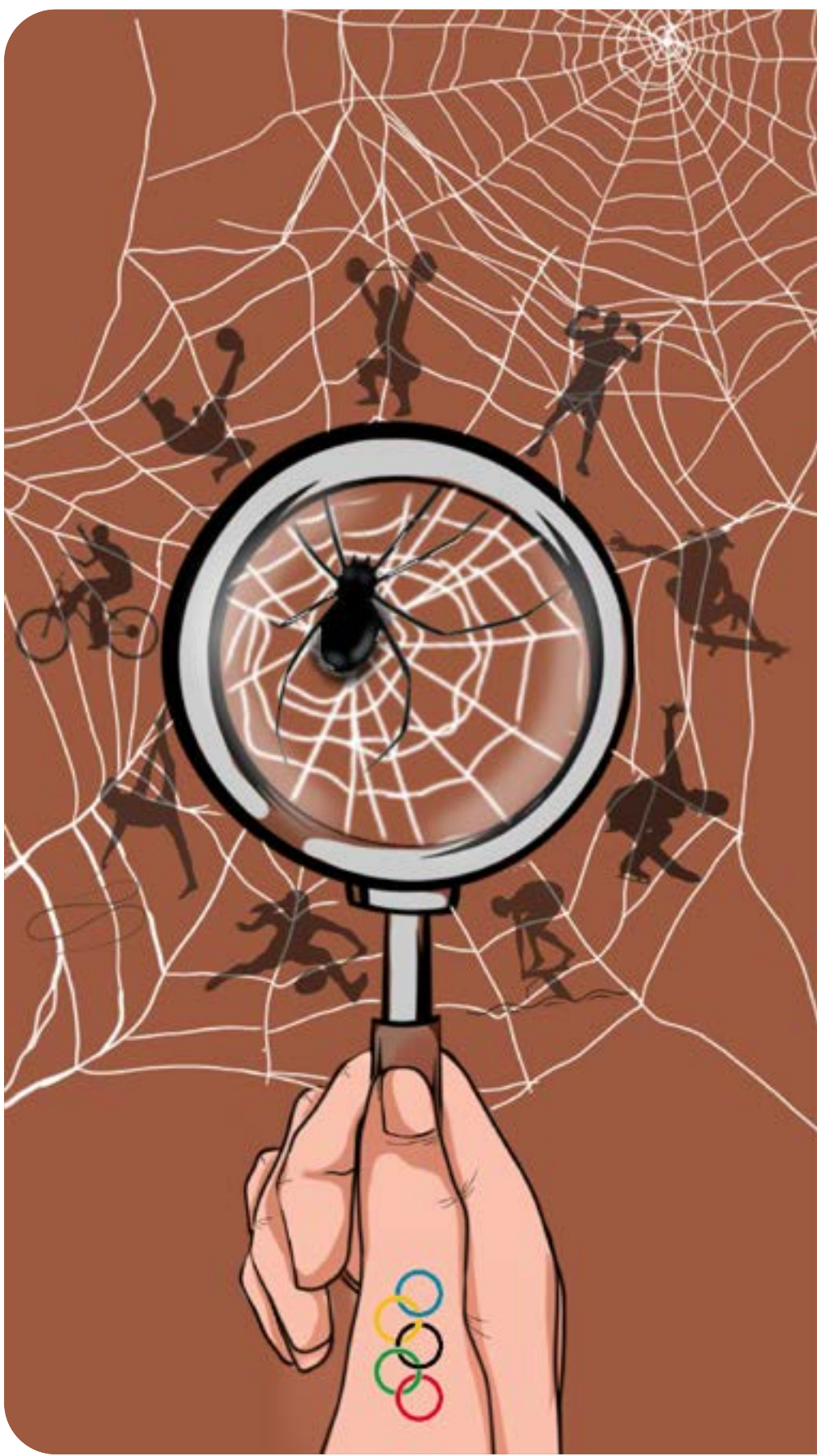
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Athletes' Victory over Government's Lack of Support

After a century-long quest since the Philippines participated in the global Olympics, Filipino athletes managed to bag victory for the country despite the privation of financial support from the Philippine government.

As another history in Philippine sports has been recorded when Philippine representative, Hidilyn Diaz won the women's 55-kilogram weightlifting category at Tokyo 2020 on July 26, after lifting a combined weight of 224 kg, an Olympic record, which led to a successful dine and dash for a gold medal in her Olympic weightlifting career considering that in her former days, when she almost cried due to lack of government help.

This occurrence has become the norm due to the status of the nation, giving priority to other sectors where financial attention is most needed. These affairs did not hinder the thirst of Filipino athletes to compete and showcase the prowess honed in our country.

Hidilyn Diaz previously disclosed on her Instagram profile that she is in need of financial aid as she trains for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, and that merely requesting assistance undermines her pride.

Diaz stated in one of her social media statuses, "Is it okay to ask sponsorship sa mga private companies towards Tokyo 2020? hirap na hirap na ako". Diaz, who showed no remorse, cleared unequivocally that requesting government assistance was not a mistake. She also stood up that athletes who bring triumph to the country are in desperate need of it, showing no hesitation in earning the gold medal for the country.

"Sa tingin niyo, okay lang kaya? Nahiihiya kasi ako, pero try ko kapalan mukha ko para sa minimithi kong pangarap para sa ating bansa, na maiuwi ang gold medal sa Olympics." She concluded.

Hidilyn, contrariwise, pushed herself to achieve her

ultimate objective which is to win the Olympic gold medal.

Her hardwork and determination should be the stepping stone for our athletes' continued triumph and the key to bagging a collection of gold medals, instead of full joy at acquiring the gold medal for the next Olympics whereas government must continue to supply and fund athletes' needs in order to sustain the country's victory and pride.

Aside from Hidilyn Diaz's victory, a further great athlete from the Philippine team brought us high hopes. Nesthy Petecio became the first Filipina boxer to be guaranteed an Olympic medal, obtaining the country a silver medal. Petecio's secured medal asserted the Philippines' first multiple-medal streak at the Olympics in 89 years. Petecio is supposed to get incentives, but she also wanted to clear the pledges she got due to the uncertainty that other athletes had to face, such as Onyok Velasco, who did not receive all of the incentives given to him following his victory.

"Siguraduhin po muna 'yung mga pinangako. Sisiguraduhin ko po. Baka po tayo magaya kay Coach Sir Onyok Velasco, mahirap naman," she said.

This only indicates that the absence of financial help for athletes will not conclude with the infamous era of our athletes' preparation and training; even if they manage to win and bag glory, they will be doubtful of receiving all of the pledges they were promised.

Furthermore, in a nation with no skate parks or open areas for practice, and in a country where skaters are seen as a nuisance, Margielyn Didal finished seventh in the Olympic skateboarding event. Amidst the fact that the country lacks well-maintained skateboarding playgrounds. Netizens and countrymen felt that following the global event, the exposure of skateboarding to the Olympics will

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lead to it being popular rather than being looked down upon by many of us.

"I hope that it can be seen better, I want to spread the good vibe."

I hope they saw that here in skateboarding that there is really a big chance to enter the Olympics," Didal said.

Aside from it though, the gold medalist from the 2018 Asian Games has been advocating for local governments to construct skate parks for aspiring athletes.

These stories of olympic games display how the government shrugs off its responsibility in providing and ensuring adequate support to its people -- the athletes, coaches, trainers, and the nation cheering for their victory.

Ultimately, not only athletes are pleading for government assistance, but so are netizens and concerned Filipino congregants. This epic appeal and rage from those outstanding medalists who fought for the country should serve as a bridge to end our government's inadequacies. Support and help should be prioritized since this is the only way for Filipino athletes to flourish and gain more medals and prestige for the country.



Burn Down Governmental Red Flags

Recently, the Commission On Audit (COA), an institution that helps Filipino taxpayers to achieve the transparency of the total number of funds used by the government in their projects, called out Department of Health (DOH) for questionable amount of deficiencies in their 2020 COVID-19 budget through their reports that circulated on the internet. DOH had deficiencies in their receipts of transactions, hence they failed to prove where the budget went instead of using it to aid all the necessities for the medical response like allocating it to the hazard pay for the frontliners.

The Commission On Audit released a report of the concerning amount of numbers that were not seen by the Filipino citizens, the main beneficiary of the funds. COA had been completely clear with their released reports, in which some of

the sectors that were disclosed had either lost documents or doubtful transactions that counted as a deficiency in the COA report.

The 2020 COVID-19 DOH fund was set to use for the medical response for the pandemic, from Personal Protective Equipments used by frontliners to medicines that would help patients in their recovery. With this, the health workers hazard pay was also set to be covered by the fund. However, DOH failed to fulfill

their assurances of providing a better response for the pandemic, complete set of PPEs for the frontliners, and complete hazard pay.

Department of Health promised Php 500 of hazard payment for the hardworking frontliners during this pandemic; however, in 2020, Maria Theresa Cruz a nurse from Cainta, Rizal died because of COVID-19, who had not collected her hazard pay before her death; instead her daughter had gotten the payment for additional assistance for her burial that was only Php 7,265 of the expected Php 30,000 from her 60 days of work, which only showed that Cruz only had Php 60 of daily hazard pay during her days as a frontliner, Php 440 off from the Php 500 promised by the department.

This was one of the results of the poorly managed funds by the DOH, not only the frontliners and other health workers were affected by this but also those who needed

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The Commission On Audit released a copy of the Php 67.32 Billion worth of unused budget for the 2020 COVID-19 response of the Department of Health that could help resolve the rising cases of COVID-19 in the country, which they continuously failed to control. Instead of having a shortage in the PPEs that urged frontliners to use plastic covers to protect themselves, Php 67.32 Billion budget could have been a help to produce more PPEs. Based on the breakdown of the Php 67.32 Billion funds, Php 2.8 Billion of allocated funds were for different infrastructure projects that were now delayed; Php 1.2 Billion worth of undelivered or unutilized supplies presumably either for the idled infrastructure projects or additional equipments for the COVID-19 response; Php 95 Million worth of drugs and medicine that could have helped many patients was left unused and expired. As the list goes on, the DOH has been walking on thin ice as they were bombarded with questions on how and where the said budget had gone.

Consequently, DOH secretary Francisco Duque III had a seemingly mental breakdown on his public speech regarding the issue of the missing DOH funds. He claimed that COA report was purely unfair and unjust as it caused huge trouble inside the Department of Health when in fact they neglected to reveal evidences of their transaction, which only demonstrated that there were anomalies in the department. Secretary Duque also denied the allegations of corruption and said that he was more than willing to show the official list of the DOH's expenses, but there was no follow up reports from their office.

The Philippines is down in the second year of national state of emergency due to the Covid19 pandemic with a new Covid19 variant spreading in the nation, but funds are still misused and the government still fails to handle the nation's money from all of the taxpayers here in our country. Filipinos are still of threat and suffering, both from the virus and the corruption present in the Philippine government.