A DECISIVE FORCE

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With much at stake, it is time for young people to step up.

The 2022 National Elections are just months away. Filipinos will be once again tasked to elect the leaders, who will lead the nation to its journey to recovery from the horrors of the coronavirus pandemic.

The Philippines has experienced the longest lockdown in Southeast Asia while its neighbor countries like Vietnam and Thailand have gone back to normal. Clearly, the country’s pandemic response has been subpar compared to its Asian peers. This is on the leaders managing the crisis and their decisions that led to where we are today - lowest in COVID-19 response and has the worst economic recession in the ASEAN.

Next year, we can change our future (or we cannot). The power to transform this country lies in our hands. It is by participating in the electoral process and putting the right leaders in the government.

As an educator, I encourage the youth to register for the 2022 Elections and exercise their right to vote next year. In fact in the United States, 53% of the youth cast their ballots in the 2020 elections, up 8% from the 45% turnout in 2016, which helped Joe Biden capture the presidency. I believe the same could happen here in the Philippines. I still believe that the youth is the hope of our Motherland as Jose Rizal famously said.

Let us all encourage young people to register and vote. They are the decisive force that can bring our country back to its glory days.
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