A FILIPINO BY BLOOD AND HEART

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Our present society faces a lot of many criticisms. Some labeled us the most corrupt country, having an extreme poverty and shaking political stability and among others that values and characteristics of being a Filipino are questioned.

Despite of various negative criticisms, I would like to proudly declare to the world that I love having a brown-skinned person and that is “BEING A FILIPINO”

Other people do not only recognized that a Filipino has a renowned and remarkable qualities which brings pride to the country. Basically our traits and characteristics are influenced by many history written and spoken that have been transmitted from generation to generations. Added to it are the rich legends, myths, idioms, and proverbs.

I could still remember the legend that I knew when I was still young. It was about the “guava tree” which taught a moral lesson. It goes like this, the rude King was not so helpful to the poor, he didn’t even help the poor old woman in the story, to fast forward the story the king was weak and died. Then the king became guava tree (bayabas from the name barabas the rude king) to an understanding guava gave a lot of vitamins to the weak people, this is one way of paying back to those who need particularly the weak. It means that one should not be selfish…. Filipino people are known for not being selfish because when we have visitors at home we offer them the best comfort they could have and that is known “hospitality” which other countries are seldom offer.
Being a Filipino is like a pliant bamboo that no matter how strong the wind, it could stand still. Similarly, no matter how big the problems we encounter natural or man-made, we Filipinos can still survive to those sacrifices and problems encountered. This is because it is in the Filipino blood of being “Matiisin” “matiyaga” at “mapagpatawad” as it goes “Every drops of perspiration of an industrious man will be rewarded.”

Our rich cultures and traditions are the reasons why Filipinos have a positive perspective in life even we are placed in the most difficult situations, even some families are separated due to the need of going abroad for a living, and even we face tremendous problems in life. I am proud that I am a Filipino… I am resilient.

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