ACCESS TO EDUCATION- ALTERING THE LIVES OF FILIPINO

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Education is a great escape to ignorance. Discovering knowledge and gaining new information play important roles in raising awareness about various key issues happening in the country. Making everyone involved to the solutions of the emerging problems is a great way to achieve synergism. Inculcating the significance of education to the young minds of every Filipino child leads in transforming the perspectives from least possibilities to greatest opportunities.

A freedom to have an access in education must be one of the top priorities of the current administration, for it greatly holds the future of the nation. It must be served with equity regardless of social classes, gender, ethnicity and physical/mental disabilities. According to Philippine Statistics Authority (2018), about nine percent of the estimated 39.2 million Filipinos aged 6 to 24 years old were out-of-school children and youth (OSCY) for the year 2017. The most common sought reasons for not attending school were marriage or family matters, lack of personal interest, and high cost of education or financial concern. These unwanted conditions of the lives of most Filipinos today are not new things, however, it is not a just reason from hindering every child to have an access in education. The efforts exerting by the government and other non-government charitable organizations are very crucial to improve the quality and to increase the standards of education being bestowed to every individual. Moreover, a strict and proper attention on how education sectors facilitate learning must be involved. Examples of such are the construction of small schools in far-flung places and providing study materials for those less fortunate who lacks a formal education. These mean a lot in terms of realizing the essence of learning in the development and growth of their lives.
An education is indeed a foundation to further strengthen the hopes of every young Filipino dreamers, to encourage them to pursue no matter how rough the road is, and to treasure the wisdom as important as diamond. A change in the lives of every Filipino through education cannot be achieved instantly, it needs a consensus effort and solidarity to make it happen.

The young hopes of the Philippines must be nurtured, guided and honed through the mentality that education is not selective but it is a privilege given for those who seek and work hard for it. Indeed, an education is the true catalyst of our beloved Motherland.

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