COMPULSORY DAILY FLAG CEREMONY IN ALL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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Republic Act No. 1265 is an act making flag ceremony compulsory in all educational institutions. It is stated that daily flag ceremony wherein playing and singing of the Philippine National Anthem must be observed. The act must be followed, both by public and private schools and institutions, through the rules and regulations issued by the Secretary of Education.

I remember as a Kindergarten learner, I always look forward for daily flag ceremony because I can sing loudly and with full confidence the National Anthem. Even though the lyrics are somehow mispronounced or changed, the fact that the nationalism is expressed is already an accomplishment. In elementary, I was able to memorize correct lyrics and to follow the correct procedures in singing the National Anthem such as stopping what you are doing, standing firmly at your spot to participate in singing and the correct placing of right hand to the left chest. During my field study, if the daily flag ceremony wouldn’t be possible to do because of heavy rains, each class of the school see to it that they sing the National Anthem inside the classroom. In high school and college, it is a must to attend the flag ceremony. If late, we would still sing it together with other late comers. Now, being in the field of education during the new normal, we see to it to have virtual flag ceremony both in the division as well as in the school.

Children at a young age must know the importance of flag ceremony and as they grow older the must have the in-depth knowledge about it. To the adults who doesn’t know the basics or the right steps in singing one, or to those drivers who doesn’t stop driving when the National Anthem is played, as well as those who make fun of the lyrics of the
National Anthem shall be reprimanded. For those who doesn’t know the history of the flag and its song, must have a research or should study about it. Having the flag ceremony indirectly reminds us the sacrifices that our ancestors had, the freedom that we enjoy, the symbol of our own country, the hopes and dreams, and the people it represents. If an individual fully understands every single thing about it, then we can already say that the values integrated with it are already inculcated which is the purpose of the Republic Act No. 1265.

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