The Department of Education (DepEd) is working toward an orderly and safe opening of classes by making schools environmentally sustainable and conducive to learning through Brigada Eskwela 2017. It brings together the government and civil society to work together to ensure that all public-school facilities are clean, orderly, and safe for the opening of schools.

The Education Department asks the public, stakeholders, non-government officials and other private organizations to volunteer to clean and prepare public schools in time for the opening of classes. They also encourage individuals, out of school youth to participate and contribute their time and effort and resources during the National Schools Maintenance Week to put together public schools to help prepare schools in their communities for the opening of classes in June.

The week-long event includes a launch caravan in Regional Offices (ROs) and Schools Division Offices (SDOs) and a kick-off ceremony in a public school offering senior High School (SHS) which will serve as the final stop or the caravan.

The annual Brigada Eskwela is said to be our version of modern “bayanihan” where all sectors pitch in to make sure that our schools are clean, organize, safe, disaster prepared and conducive to learning when students troop back the schools.

Brigada Eskwela is not about the cleanest school or the most organized campus. It’s about the whole community transcending differences and functioning together for the benefit of the Filipino learners.

Huge of volunteers camped out to help in cleaning, repairing and making the school safer and resilient for students in time for the school opening. They do the operation clean up drive on
school grounds, make the necessary operations on classroom tables and chairs and parents and private business offer the necessary supplies and materials. This overwhelming participation of private sectors and volunteers shows how citizens in the country harmoniously carry out the activity to achieve the common objective.

Exerting effort hand and hand the Brigada Eskwela is the present description of the proverbial “Bayanihan” spirit where Filipinos values the importance of volunteerism in achieving the common end. It is a venue for social and people empowerment through displaying unity and active social involvement.