PERCEPTION OF FILIPINOS TOWARDS THE NEW EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM -
K-12 IN THE PHILIPPINES

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It is every country’s desire to become productive and developed in terms of
different aspects specifically in having a healthy economic status. In able to achieve this,
one must acquire an effective education where he can learn and broaden his
understanding about the world that will result to the fulfillment of the set-goals.

The Philippines, as a developing country had its implementation of K-12 Program
last May 2015 which was headed by former President Benigno “Noynoy” Aquino III,
wherein he described the said program as an effective way for the Filipino youth to have
a better future by being competent not only nationally but internationally as well. One
more reason why K-12 was implemented is because Philippines was one of the remaining
countries that holds the ten-year pre-university program together with Angola and
Djibouti before.

K-12 is seen to be an opportunity for every Filipinos to meet international
standards – where they can finally compete with other countries since Filipinos are well
known to be intelligent and good in speaking English already. So, what more if they have
sufficient time to master skills and absorb basic competencies? That could be their biggest
chance to represent Philippines in a bigger platform where bigger achievements are
waiting.

As years passed by and K-12 continue to function, there were issues about it saying
that it is not effective and students under the program are treated as experiments only
and these made the parents feel dismayed. Not only the parents, but also the students and teachers have their petition regarding the matter requesting the government to review the program after Commission on Higher Education (CHED) bared its defects last May, 2019. According to Kabataan Rep. Sarah Elago, what K-12 had done is to make the students suffer more and profit from them only. The genuine solution to the declining quality education in the Philippines is endorsement of an educational system that would truly address the necessity of the Filipino youth and Philippine society in general, Elago added. And as a grant to their request, President Rodrigo Duterte asked for time and promised that it will be reviewed but impossible to stop because he doesn’t have the power to repeal laws.

Despite of the issues regarding K-12 Program, it is still functioning up to now trying to provide the needs of students –the only hope of the future who are expected to make the change in this world. The only aim of the program is to enhance learners’ basic skills, produce more competent citizens, and prepare graduates for lifelong learning and employment and happens to become possible because the youth of today has more options to take offered by K-12 in which they can use to transform themselves into competent professionals that can greatly serve not only the country but the world.

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