PERSPECTIVES OF FILIPINOS IN IMPLEMENTING THE K-12 PROGRAM

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To anyone else, education means everything because it is where people, specifically the students gain their foundation in preparation to the country’s demands for effective professionals who can work and serve greatly that will result satisfaction. Also, education transforms the learners into competent leaders that can manage their own businesses, and their own people as well that will surely develop their skills and abilities to make a change and contribute in the economy of the country.

Last May 2013, President Benigno Simeon Aquino III signed the implementation of the new educational curriculum in the Philippines which is known as the K-12 Program. Rappler.com (2013), stated that students should undergo kindergarten, six (6) years in elementary, four (4) years in junior high school, and the additional two (2) years in senior high school before moving to the tertiary level or the college degree.

K-12 was implemented in the Philippines because it is one of the last countries in Asia together with Angola and Djibouti that has the ten (10) years basic education cycle; a 12-year program is seen to be the most effective strategy to transform the youth into great leaders someday. However, its main goal is “to give Filipino students enough time to master skills and concepts so that they are ready for tertiary education when the time comes” (monitor.icef.com).

At first, a lot of Filipino were not in favor of its implementation since we do not have yet the background about K-12. There are some who considered it as another burden to their lives because they have been experiencing financial problems but then, the government added two more years to ten years basic education which will make them
suffer more with their financial conditions. Literally, a lot of rumors arises about its implementation which made it controversial.

However, as the said program had started, it was seen to be effective most especially by the parents because they believe that the more years their child would take their learning, the more they could improve their skills and abilities in different aspects of life; and their two years in Senior High School will also serve as their preparation for college and will soon result their success.

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