SCHOOLS AS NURSERY OF THE CITIZENS

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The schools are the nurseries of the citizens of the state. Each teacher is a trustee of the cultural and educational heritage of the nation and is under obligation to transmit to learners such heritage as well as to elevate national morality, promote national pride, cultivate love of country, instill allegiance to the Constitution and respect for all duly constituted authorities, and promote obedience to the laws of the state.

Teachers, as is described by many, is holistic, dynamic, always ready and on-the-go. Interestingly, though teachers in both public and private institutions had problem, they will be seen with happiness that glitters in their eyes. Most of them seems to be happy enough to turn others to be happy as well. Also, some of them seems do not have problems. But, despite of all these skin-deep realities, teachers dedicatedly work for the students. They know that in their absence, like shepherd and the sheeps, the flock will go wrong.

To preserve the dignity of the country, teachers are vital instruments in transmitting that dignity among the students. Teachers know how important the State is. That is why they as well becomes trustees of the State in preserving the cultural and educational heritage. The accumulation of wealth is not enough to support a country’s pride. The number of gold bars reserved in our banks do not exhibit the dignity of the people. But, it is the teachers’ duties and responsibilities to preserve the country’s pride and dignity in tact in the mind and heart of the students in all walks of life.
Preserving our cultural heritage is one thing that teachers must be proud of. The concept of ‘Wow! Philippines’ and the ‘It’s More Fun In the Philippines’ are example of cultural heritages that teachers must teach among the students. In an archipelago where 7,641 islands promote culture of their own, there is no way a student may not know anything. To the pride and glory of the Philippines, these things are brought into the classroom for the day’s lesson.

On the second note, preserving our educational heritage is another issue to resolve. The American Dream and the Greener Pasture ideologies have swept in the 70’s until now. Reporters commented that the best of our country’s professionals went abroad to seek high-paying jobs on works that they did not graduated to. As a medical doctor who earns 50,000 in the country may land as a nurse in European country with around Php 100,000 – 200,000. Very obvious that the best teachers, doctors, engineers, and other young professional went there for a greener pasture.

Teachers are not exemption to the idea of getting outside the country to work abroad. In fact, how many Licensed Professional Teachers worked in Hong Kong and Singapore as Overseas Filipino Workers – not as teachers but housekeepers and bar attendants? How many doctors and engineers become nurses and carpenter in America and Europe, respectively? The answer is in the statistics.

Teachers who decided to stay in our country reflects the idea of giving back to the country. Thus, there are five dimensions resolved with this: (1) teachers must elevate national morality, (2) promote national pride, (3) cultivate love of country, (4) instill allegiance to the Constitution and respect for all duly constituted authorities, and (5) promote obedience to the laws of the state.

In observing what is happening to the outpour of relatively competent and qualified professionals outside the country, the government must assure that they become competitive with the trend. There is a positive remark on the outpour of workers
outside our country as well as there is also a negative impact. The inflows of cash and dollars in our country helped in the development of the country and basic services are rendered among the people. There is a need to supply our country with the same quality of work they have developed in other countries. This may yet to be discussed.

Teachers will continue their work in attaining the goal of the society – create useful members that will be used by the country in nation-building. As nurses of the citizen, the nursery (school) are always open to provide the love for the students.

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