TEACHER’S SALARY HIKE: SUBJECTIVE

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“Underpayment of a teacher is an accurate notion that is rapidly disappearing” education secretary Leonor Briones once said last year.

It became clear from the feedback that underpaid is a contentious word to describe the educators.

As the current President of the Philippines double the wages of the uniformed personnel, we couldn’t help but compare the wages that we are receiving as teachers.

Was it fair? As long as resources are allocated unequally teachers will always ask that question. But we shouldn’t dismiss the experience of feeling underpaid as subjective. Increase should be based on the merit and performance not because a President feel the urge for spending spree.

If a monkey isn’t cool with getting less than what they deserve, why should we be?

Why do we say that teaching is the noblest of all professions when it is not properly compensated?

Let us take a look at how the other countries treated their teachers.

According to some studies, Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, China and Vietnam are the countries that have the highest paid teachers in Asia. They enjoy their profession with a satisfied compensation.
See..! If in the other countries, a teacher can enjoy those privileges why would not adopt it. This will make a teacher feel well compensated and more valued. This will also motivate them to do their work well. Teachers are considered as professionals who have the huge impact in educating the society. They play an important role in molding the youths into a better individual thus bringing them in a brighter future. We also cannot deny the fact that successful individuals are once taught by the teachers.

Here in the Philippines, what more can a teacher get aside from being respected? Just asking.

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