THE NEED TO TEACH THEM RIGHT

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For years, the issue on erroneous textbooks had been controversial and the Department of Education tried its best to have solutions to this problem. Textbooks with information like incorrect dates, wrong spellings, poorly-constructed sentences and paragraphs and other mistakes are still used in schools nowadays.

I myself had an experience with these misleading books, when my daughter, who was in grade one back then, questioned me for having her write Palawan under Luzon group of Islands instead of Visayas which made her wrong in her assignment. When she showed me her textbook I was surprised seeing a drawing of Visayas group of island which included Palawan, and this had not been corrected by her teacher. The following day, daughter’s confusion ended when she finally got a check mark on Palawan under Luzon.

And now that, the eruption of Taal Volcano has been the headline, another mistake was realized which could have been corrected years back. Many students back then, including me, thought that Taal Volcano is that small formation with a crater-like opening as shown in the books we used before. If not for the eruption, many of us would still linger on that misinformation.

These defective books can do harm to the end-users and to the consumers, our teachers and pupils. These would lead our learners to miseducation, causing them to have low performance in school.
Can we take just sit there and completely rely on these substandard books for the knowledge that our learners must acquire from us? If the government cannot completely act upon this issue, then we teachers, must do what we should do.

We teachers must use our resourcefulness to address this problem. Do some researches if needed. Nowadays, researching and looking for answers are just one click away.

Whatever it is that we need to do in order that this miseducation be corrected, let us do it at once. Let us not wait for years to correct what our substandard textbooks has taught our pupils. Let us not contribute to our pupils’ ignorance. Let us live to teach and teach right because we owe that to our clientele and much more to our country.

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