Positivity seems to run naturally in the veins of the people of the Philippines. We are known to be those who smile through the pain, those who smile through whatever life brings. It is easy to see. Just like in the news, while journalists are doing interviews with the typhoon victims, evacuees from calamities and the like, people would be seen smiling as if nothing happened. Now, another challenge was added into the game, and everyone is being tested. Students, parents, adults, and children, everyone. The question is, until when will we hold on to the saying “Life is a game, play well and survive”? Can we even play this game if the enemy is invisible?

What is this invisible enemy? COVID-19. COVID-19 is a disease caused by a recently discovered strain of coronavirus. Formerly, this disease was also referred to as ‘2019 novel coronavirus’ or ‘2019-nCoV.’ The COVID-19 virus is a new virus linked to the same family of viruses as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). This virus caused the pandemic which set limitations especially in the field of education. From face-to-face classes, The Department of Education implemented modular and online classes. Both are difficult for these are new to everyone, but thankfully, students are slowly adjusting and are trying to break the barriers set by the pandemic. These won’t be possible without the help of the people of Department of Education who are working to strengthen the power of the students of the Philippines in all means. Because of this, barriers will not cause students to stop learning and teachers to stop teaching.

This pandemic caused series of barriers in different fields, it has brought changes that even until at this point are difficult to adjust to, some are still smiling, countless of people are struggling. What the future has in store for us is still unknown but hopefully,
as stories end, seasons change, and problems given solutions, these barriers too would completely disappear.

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