THE REAL PUBLIC SERVICE BASED ON GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS’ SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITIES
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All of the people have rights, right before we were born but having multifold of rights moves toward to greater responsibilities and just like the government officials, having the power to shape the future of the society comes with great accountabilities. Regardless of position, agency or department where they belong to, sense of responsibility is expected from every employee to serve the public with their extreme effort and dedication just to provide better living for the citizens.

Providing the basis of ethical and accountable behaviour in the public sector, The 1987 Philippine Constitution, Section 1 of Article XI states that: Public office is a public trust. Public officers and employees must at all times be accountable to the people, serve them with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty, and efficiency, act with patriotism and justice, and lead modest lives.

This provision obliges every government or public official to display an admirable public figure aligned with the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees under Republic Act No. 6713 that Philippine legislature has passed in 1989. It elaborates the do’s and don’ts for government officials and employees while in the public service. The Code was summarized in the eight norms including commitment to public interest, professionalism, justness and sincerity, political neutrality, responsiveness to the public, nationalism and patriotism, commitment to democracy and simple living.

Certainly, backed up by The 1987 Philippine Constitution, Section 1 of Article XI and Republic Act No. 6713 of 1989, it is safe to claim that it is fine for the citizens to demand a virtuous governance and service in able for the government officials to fully extend their limits when it comes to public service and for them to tap the dilemmas in the society that are waiting to be noticed.

Further, the responsibilities of the government officials are not only exclusive just for the citizens but are also to themselves because they are expected to work cohesively with one another and are
look forward to be upright because the influence of politics can be a hard challenge for their honesty and integrity in work as stated by Tom Lutzenberger in his article entitled Duties and Responsibilities of Government Employees that was updated on July 05, 2017.

Undeniably, being a public servant is never easy even they have a power to manipulate some circumstances because an inaccuracy could possibly compromise the situation of the society where they belong. The responsibilities of these officials are obviously to attain or to meet the terms of their agency, department or organization’s vision, mission, goals and objectives (VMGOs) but it is also important to cover the moral responsibilities as public servants.

Despite being a performing government official, still, the compliance of all the duties and responsibilities is not enough to achieve the supreme quality of a real public service because the sense of decency and righteousness in which you never involve with some dirty politics and any transgression are both important things.

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